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Primroses as Winter-Blooming Plants.

By Rev. G. H. A. Murray.

(One of the prize articles of our recent contest.)

EVERY plant grower who wants to have a beautiful display of bloom from October to June or July, should try Primroses, and, for the sake of those who have not already tried them, or have failed to do so because they thought the culture too difficult, this article is intended. There are several kinds of Primroses, but we shall confine ourselves to three: Chinese Primrose (*Primula Chinensis*), Obconica, and Baby Primrose

(*Primula Forbesi*), all of which can be grown from seed by any amateur who will observe the following cultural directions: First, be sure that you get your seed from a reliable house, and buy the most expensive variety of the kind you want; for cheap seeds are usually worth even less than what you pay for them. Having procured the seed, get a narrow box, about two inches deep, or a shallow pan, or a small pot, (the writer prefers a box) fill it within about half an inch of the top with very fine earth—from the woods, if obtainable—or jadoo fibre, taking pains to sift the earth, on the top at least; when the earth is all ready, take a fine spray and moisten it well with warm water, then sow your seed as evenly as you can and take a smooth piece of board and press it down firmly; next sift a very light sprinkling of dry earth to cover the seeds, press again, sprinkle lightly, and put either a piece of damp blotting paper, or flannel, or glass over them; this done, put your box in a warm place, keep the earth moist but not wet till the seeds begin to germinate, when they must have light; but do not let the sun shine on them, and be very careful not to get your soil too wet lest the tender shoots rot off. The Obconica and Baby varieties germinate more slowly, and require closer attention than the others, but then, if you follow the above directions, you will succeed. When your plants have from four to six leaves, transplant them either into a larger box of fine earth or else into two-inch pots, always being careful not to leave them exposed to the sun's ray, and as they increase in size, give them more pot room. They will begin to bloom in three or four months; but, if you are not in too much of a hurry for flowers, and want sturdy plants, nip off the first flower buds. All Primroses (or *Primulas*) thrive best in a north or east window, and at a temperature of about sixty

degrees, as they do not like the hot sun. Primroses may be truthfully called perpetual bloomers; but they always do better in winter if they have a rest in the summer. Another recommendation is, that fine specimens can be grown in small pots, thus taking up but little room.

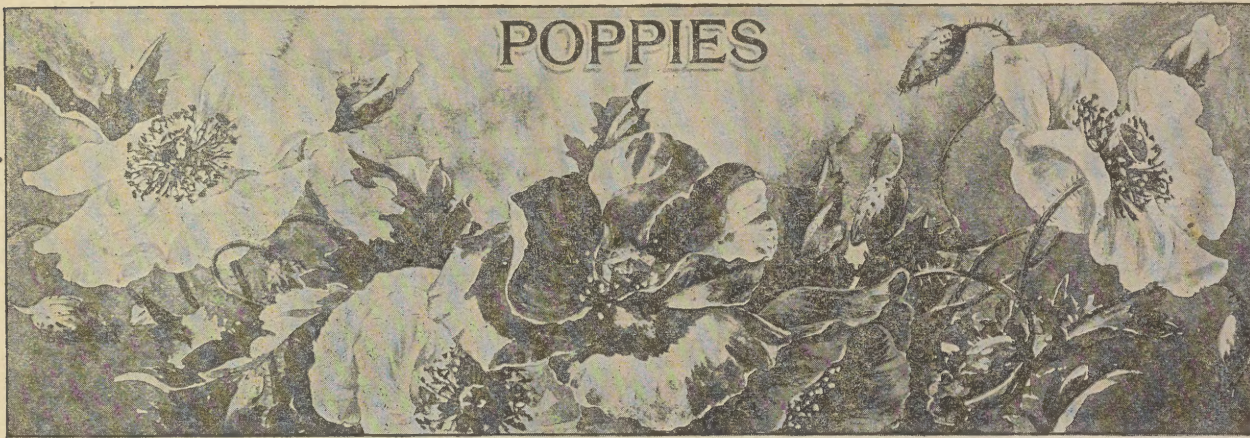
A word now as to the kinds to select. You will be better satisfied with the single than the double varieties of the Chinese Primroses. Get the "Giant" or "Large Flowering" mixed, either the ordinary or the fern-leaved; the mallow-leaved is more useful for foliage than for flowers. The "Obconica Grandiflora Hybrids" are the best, as you get larger flowers and more shades of color than if you got the common variety. So far there is



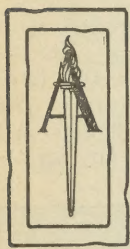
CHINESE PRIMROSES.

only one variety of Baby Primrose, but that one will suit you; for, if you succeed in getting your plants to the blooming stage, you will be surprised to notice how rapidly each plant will become a mass of bloom, as each stalk has three bunches of flowers, one above the other, the second growing out of the first and the third out of the second. The writer has at present a fine display of primroses, all of which he raised from seed. The young seedlings raised from seed sown last June are now coming into bloom, and it is very interesting to watch their progress. They are the "large-flowering fringed mixed." Two are white with a yellow eye; one rose-pink; another almost an old-gold, with a white border. He also has an uncommon, but very pretty

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COLLECTION OF SHIRLEY POPPIES.



ALL of the Poppies are showy flowers, many of them gorgeous beyond compare, and all tend to make the garden gay. But tastes differ; some admire the large Opium Poppies whose crumpled silken petals make one wonder, as they spring from the calyx, how they ever were contained in so small a compass, and whose buds seem to nod as one passes as if drowsy with their own narcotic properties.

Others prefer the big Oriental Poppies whose flaming petals make a blaze of color in the garden. The great purple-topped seed pod, surrounded by a fringe of purple stamens and the purple-black blotch at the base of the scarlet petals, combine to make a wonderfully showy flower. Whether of the deep red hue or the orange-red shade, they are equally and strikingly brilliant. The Oriental Poppies come into bloom the last of May or first of June, just after the Tulips have faded and before the summer annuals have begun to blossom, and attract universal admiration. They show to the best advantage when planted in clumps, and especially against a back ground of evergreens. They are perennial and can be propagated from seed or division of the roots.

The little scarlet Poppy (*Papaver Rhœas*), the Corn Poppy of Great Britain, with its "beautiful and gallant red" blossoms, is a most conspicuous feature of the garden or the field. Ruskin said of it: "The Poppy is painted glass; it never glows so brightly as when the sun shines through it. Whenever it is seen, against the light or with the light, it is a flame and warms the wind like a blown ruby." Planted in the wild garden or the mixed border the effect is fine, and when the blooming season is over the plants can be removed without leaving a bare, desolate spot, as when planted alone in a bed. By sowing seeds in the fall and at intervals in the spring, a succession of bloom can be kept up for a long time. One of the richest masses of color imaginable can be produced by this little Poppy and its various varieties, and the effect is very striking.

Miss Sherwood is one of the recent acquisitions in Poppies; it has large, single, satiny white flowers, the upper part of the petals shading into a delicate chamois rose. It is said to be fine for cutting.

The Tulip is another comparatively new Poppy, with vivid scarlet tulip-shaped flowers, profusely produced. It is very showy and very fine.

The pretty little Iceland Poppies are not as well known as they deserve to be. They are perennial, but bloom the first year from seed. The foliage is fern-like and grows in tufts or masses. The blossoms are produced in great profusion and vary in color from pure white to yellow, orange and red. The petals are crimped and curved in graceful lines and the flowers possess a delicate fra-

grance. They are very pretty for cutting; a few in a clear glass vase with some of their own foliage make a charming ornament for the table. Their season of blooming is prolonged; beginning in June they will continue until October, or sometimes even into November. They show to best advantage when planted about six inches apart, making a mass, though they are adapted to the border, the rock garden, or any kind of bedding purpose. They are really among the prettiest ornaments of a garden.

But of all the Poppies, to my mind, the Shirley for beauty and range of coloring, daintiness and airy grace, surpasses every other member of the family. The variety of coloring is wonderful and the combinations equally so. The shades run riot and the crimped and crumpled blossoms, scarcely two alike, hold one enthralled by their beauty. Light pink, dark pink, and salmon shading to white; white with delicate bands of palest pink, dark pink with white border and inner petals of a paler tone; three shades of red, brick, rose, and a bright, sparkling carmine; some with white borders and some with spots of white at base of petals; blossoms flushed and shaded with a blending of colors as harmonious as indescribable—these are a

few of the lovely tints that one can find in even a small bed.

The slender stems, the graceful poise of the unopened or half-opened buds, the texture of the petals, like finest silken gauze, all add to the beauty and attractiveness of the Shirleys, and morning after morning one can visit them with an ever increasing admiration. The true Shirleys should have no touch of black about them; if such blossoms are noted, the plant bearing them should be at once removed. The Shirley is an annual Poppy but will self sow and blossom early in the summer, if allowed to do so. Successive plantings are advisable for

prolongation of the blooming season.

The transitory nature of Poppy blossoms has been beautifully portrayed by Burns: "You seize the flower, its bloom is shed." Some who admire the flowers but whose garden limits are circumscribed do not cultivate them because they think them useless for house decoration. But, let me tell you something which you may not yet have learned. You have noticed how the buds of all the Poppies are gracefully inclined. When the blossoms are ready to open, the buds assume an erect position. If you can catch them the evening they assume that poise and cut them, they will open out in the house in all their beauty, and last for a day or two, perhaps longer. This is particularly true of the Shirleys.

No garden is complete without more or less of the brilliant-hued, silken-textured Poppies, which even at a distance are strikingly effective.

Florence Beckwith.

POPPIES ON THE WHEAT.

Along Ancona's hills the shimmering heat,
A tropic tide of air with ebb and flow
Bathes all the fields of wheat until they glow
Like flashing seas of green, which toss and beat
Around the vines. The poppies lithe and fleet
Seem running, fiery torchmen, to and fro
To mark the shore.—*Helen Hunt Jackson.*

Midsummer Poppies.



Oh, bright, bewildering poppies,
With the noontide sun ablaze,
Filled with the warmth and gladness
Of the long midsummer days.
Sweet June as she passed down the Valley,
With her train of roses rare,
Turned back to bid you welcome,
Though faint with the slumberous air.

Oh, wondrous, many-hued poppies,
Your wealth has never been told;
You are pink as the petals of roses,
Yellow as shining gold;
Red as the glow of the sunset,
White as the morning mist,
Purple as fern-shaded pansies,
Or grapes by the sunbeams kissed.

Oh, poppies, midsummer poppies,
Mad with the morning dew,
Mocking with mirth the love songs.
The warm winds bring to you,
The trees in yonder orchard
Forget their sober array
At the sight of your beautiful blossoms,
With the golden sunlight gay.
You nod and smile and beckon
And they think of the May time bright
When they flushed at the praise of the robin

Through their bridal veils of white.

Oh, gleaming, golden crowned poppies,
Drenched with the summer rain,
The fireflies flitting among you,
Grow suddenly dizzy with pain.
Though the birds are singing your praises,
The blossoms around you weep,
For your strange and subtle perfume
Is a hint of a dreamless sleep.

I am blinded by your beauty,
Like the larks, who at morning soar,
And I'll sing with the Vesper Sparrow,
Your praises o'er and o'er.
All hail! sing the birds in a rapture,
When you toss off your cap of green;
All hail! warm-hearted poppy;
Glorious, Midsummer queen.

Nellie Tingley.

(One of the successful poems submitted in our recent contest.)

An Old-Fashioned Garden.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Looking out upon the crowded thoroughfare of the great metropolis, and longing for the sweet odors and quiet streets of my childhood's home, I realize that the sacred past holds for me no sweeter memory, than the old-fashioned garden with its wealth of fruits, flowers, and vegetables, without methodical arrangement, but all within the same enclosure. A community of themselves, flourishing independently of hot house and artificial propagation, yet capable of bestowing infinite happiness and blessing on those around. The gate, which opened wide for little feet, and whose latch rose responsively to the touch of hands, always seemed to say in its friendly click: "Come in, and welcome."

Currant bushes, with their green leaves and crimson fruit, gooseberries and mock-orange, lined the path leading to the gnarled old apple tree, beneath whose branches we watched the apple blossom snow, falling all around, giving goodly promise of juicy Baldwins when the "sure 'nuff snow" covered with its drift even the fence, upon which in warm June days, the village children climbed to get a nearer view of the "Touch-me-not" and "Four o'clock," or to beg in later season, bouquets of Aster and Marigolds.

Erect Sunflowers and Hollyhocks—chaperons for Maid-o'-the-mist and Sweet William, Mourning Bride and gay Coxcumb stood not far from the rustic grape-vine arbor—a moonlight trysting place for youths and maidens, and a register for closely written names whose possessors have since drifted widely apart. Luxuriant Dahlias and Peonies turned their fluted and fringed rosettes wayside for the admiration of the passerby; while the Canterbury and Blue-bells, in harmony with each other, vied with the sleepy Poppy or the bright-eyed Daisy. Down below, in odorous atmosphere, where the cool spring water ran in a tiny brook to the meadow, flourished the Spearmint, Tansy, Sage and Chamomile.

There, too, amid the flowers—and dearer than all else—with the sunshine of her sweet presence, and the tender caressing of leaf and bloom was—mother! at whose touch and care, the tardiest and most obstinate plant rose responsively within the walls of the Old Fashioned Garden. *D. Abbott Walker.*

Violets a Successful Crop in Virginia.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

The violet is third in commercial importance among salable flowers in America. From December 15 to February 15 it is in great demand and is the pet of fashion for bouquets. During this period the wholesale price ranges from seventy-five cents to two dollars a hundred flowers.

The increasing popularity of this flower has awakened attention to the crop as an adjunct to fancy farming. At present the industry, as a farm crop, is mainly confined to Virginia and Kentucky, the principal shipping point in Virginia being Green Springs, sixty miles north of Richmond.

Being a winter crop it has a fascinating attraction for those who grow it. For a long time the "Violet disease" bugaboo kept many persons from attempts to grow this crop, but close attention by

a few persistent growers, cyanide fumigation and vigorous plant breeding, have put the industry upon a firmer basis.

The flower season lasts from December 15 to March 1 in Virginia. I propagate by division after the flower season, throwing out the old and woody stems and plant in beds made new each season, using two inches of a rather sandy loam that I get in the woods along a shaded stream, scattering over it two inches of well rotted manure; plow it under in the fall and let it lie until spring. In the spring, just before planting time, turn under again and top dress with pure bone meal, six ounces to the square yard, rake, plant in rows twelve inches apart and water carefully for a few days. Now comes the most important part. As soon as the plants are in the ground they must be carefully shaded and kept so during the entire summer. For this purpose I have found nothing equal to the boughs of trees, particularly the pines. Keep clear of weeds. The beds must slope to the south to get plenty of sunshine in



AN OLD-FASHIONED GARDEN.

the winter. Use rough boards for the sides of the frames which should be five feet ten inches wide, twelve inches high for front, eighteen inches for back. In October place the glass frames over the beds, raising them when it is warm enough to make them sweat and closing at night always.

When the blooms appear cut them daily, if possible to get enough to ship, arrange fifty flowers in a bunch, wrap the stems of each bunch in wet white paper, wrap each bunch in oiled white paper, pack in layers, not exceeding 100 bunches in a box, sprinkle some cracked ice on them, if you have it, ship to any market not requiring more than a night in transit and you will get for your crop equal to \$1,000 for eight beds each 100 feet long.

Nothing but the best flowers will do. The longer the stems the better. Any deep violet-blue, double variety, such as the Neopolitan will bring a good price and find a ready market with wholesale florists in leading cities.

Charles A. Gitchell.

The Lemon Lily.

This good old-fashioned flower (*Hemerocallis flava*) never entirely lost its well-deserved popularity, and now it seems to be gaining in public estimation. It certainly deserves all the praises which it is receiving. It is such a graceful flower, so perfect in shape and of such a bright, pure canary-yellow, that it could not fail to win admiration, even if it had no other good qualities. It is delightfully fragrant, with an odor that is never cloying but which fills the air with sweetness. Though the individual blossoms last but a day, there are so many buds on each stem that the plant remains in flower a long time. For cutting it is admirable, as every bud on the stalk will open and at evening fill a room with fragrance. It blooms at the same time as the German Iris, and some of the pale blue blossoms of the latter form a beautiful contrast to the exquisite color of the Lily blooms.

The plant is perfectly hardy, a vigorous grower, and likes a good rich soil. The clumps increase in size every year and soon produce a beautiful mass of color, and the vivid green leaves are ornamental, even after the blooming time is over. Propagation is effected by division of the roots, but the plant will be more satisfactory if left undisturbed for several years. It can be very successfully forced. If given moderate light and plenty of water, it will bloom freely in the house and afford much pleasure.

In a delightful old-fashioned garden of my acquaintance, pictured here, the walk is partly bordered on each side by a bed of these beautiful lilies, and not to pay them a visit every year is to miss a lovely sight. The generous owner cuts lavishly of the golden blossoms for her friends, and one not only carries away delightful pictures in memory, but for a week or more can enjoy the beautiful blossoms and their delicious odor.

Florence Beckwith.

The Water-Lily.

From the reek of the pond the lily

Has risen in raiment white,

A spirit of air and water,

A form of incarnate light.

Yet except for the rooted stem

That steadies her diadem,

Except for the earth she is nourished by,

Could the soul of the lily have climbed to the sky?

—Lucy Larcom.

Old-Fashioned Flowers.

I love the dear old-fashioned flowers,
That grew in childhood's sunny bowers!
Still memory holds their shining faces,
Within the old familiar places.

The marigolds and the clover bloom
With the bees a-humming a merry tune;
Sweet mourning brides and Johnny-jump-ups,
And the hollyhocks with their honey cups.

The hollyhock blooms with many a glow;
I'd pull and stand them in a row,
And play that they were ladies all,
A-going to a fancy ball.

Cicada tuned his fiddle there,
And I loved to listen to the air;
And the bee and the humming bird so fleet,
I would prisoners make, in a prison sweet.

I was happy then, from morn till night,
For the skies were blue and the clouds so bright!
And I often think of the good old time,
When heaven was near and life divine.

Marcia L. Barnard.



Talks About Flowers

By
BENJAMIN B. KEECH



In the Good Old Summertime.

The time has come when the wide-awake flower grower will find that he has other work to attend to instead of listening to "the birds in the trees" and inhaling the "sweet scented breezes" that are now supposed to be filling the atmosphere. The weeds will soon be the chief occupants of your flower beds, unless you exterminate them before they rout the plants; while water, in large quantities, will have to be poured on the soil, or the flowers will, in time, show the effects of dry weather and non-attention. Also, the ground will need to be finely hoed in order to realize the best results.

Now, the above sounds very much like work; but it may be made to seem like play if you will follow some advice of mine. Get up at four o'clock in the morning when it is nice and cool, don some suitable garments and spend three hours each day, for a week or two, among your flowers, until the garden is in a condition that agrees with your conscience. If you do not like the idea of losing so much sleep, then lie down from one o'clock until three p. m., and I am sure you will declare that your health and spirits are considerably improved. If you cannot follow the plan suggested, spend the evening hours in caring for your flower beds. At any rate, do not neglect them, even if you have to pull weeds when the thermometer registers 90° in the shade.

About the first step toward success with outdoor flowers is to keep the soil mellow. This can be done by hoeing it frequently and thoroughly, or, where beds and small flowers are concerned, use a hand weeder. Keep the soil well stirred, and the roots can absorb quite a bit of moisture from the air; if the ground is left hard and baked from one week to another, the plants are sure to suffer. If there are small weeds immediately around the base of a plant, it is better to pull them up, instead of hoeing them. A little fine soil should be worked up around each plant.

The majority of weeds grow about three times as fast as any flower or vegetable that I have ever seen, and they should be harshly dealt with. If you can possibly help it, do not let them grow until you are forced to pull them; they are not worth the exertion, though of course the flowers are. However, if they get the start of you, do not hesitate to work havoc among them. A weedless garden is a joy unspeakable to the right sort of person; and no weeds will flourish unless they are allowed to do so. Most weeds yield an astonishing harvest of seed, the vitality of which is equally amazing; but if they are not permitted to find lodgment in the soil, it will be interesting to see how they can spring up and grow another season. Therefore, exterminate every weed several months before it goes to seed.

During those periods when the rain seems to have deserted you for good, make it a point to provide a mulch for the majority of your plants. This should be done after the soil is finely hoed, and in order to do its duty well the mulch should

be put on good and thick. Also, it should be renewed whenever the old one becomes worthless. A mulch will keep the roots moist and comparatively cool, besides partially subduing the weeds. Grass clippings from the lawn make a very good mulch; and, in addition to performing its other duties well, finely decayed manure will also enrich the soil. Lawn clippings should be removed from around roses as soon as it rains, or the plants may become mildewed.

I wish that I could make every flower grower give his plants all the water they require at this season. Most outdoor plants never have all the water they can drink, and therefore do not do so well as they might. This is in ordinary seasons, when dry weather comes at about such a time and

well what you pretend to water. Do not put a sprinkling of moisture over the soil around each plant, but be sure the ground is soaked down to the roots. If you haven't enough water to go around at one time, use what you have on a portion of your plants, one evening, and the next day supply the others. In this way, all will be satisfied. It is not the best plan to pour water over the flowers immediately after the taking it from the pump. Give plenty of moisture to your plants at this season, or later on you may have cause to water them with tears.

Help! Help!

You have probably noticed that VICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE has improved, somewhat, during the past two years, and you may be pleased to know that it intends to keep right on improving. You have no doubt been glad to note its progress, and it is safe to say that the contents of its pages have helped you in one way or another. This being so, I should like to inquire what you are going to do to return the compliment? There are many ways that you can help us, and I am going to ask you, first, to speak a good word for this magazine, whenever you get a chance. You can surely find time and opportunity to do this.

I know that during the busy summer season is not the best time to ask for help, although, even now, you can do something along this line, if you try. And if you are quite a bit interested, perhaps you will put this copy away until you have more leisure, then, next month, or the month after that, read it over and proceed to speak a great number of good words for us. There are, undoubtedly, many people in your community who would be glad to subscribe for this magazine, if they were told a few things about it, and, even though you consider yourself a failure at getting subscribers, you can very likely secure at least one. If every person who reads this will do as suggested, we will soon be in shape to return your help in many different ways.

The law of reciprocity is a fixed law—we receive as we give. In addition to securing the immediate reward offered for subscribers, you will also receive

ample compensation in form of the best magazine that can be made. Therefore, do something for our benefit. Every little helps. When you go over to Mrs. Jones's to discuss the price of eggs, just tell her that VICK'S MAGAZINE has a fine poultry department. When Mr. Smith complains about his vegetable garden, inform him that we are giving excellent advice each month which will help him out. Also mention our fruit, household, mother's, children and other departments to those who will be interested. And if you have any ideas as to the betterment of these departments, let us know. That will help, also.

This brings me around to my own, individual needs and I am going to ask all of you who are more interested in this page than any other, to lend me some assistance.

(Continued on page twenty-four.)

The Cloud Shadows.

By Benjamin B. Keach.

See the light and shadow pass
O'er the waving meadow grass,—
See the white clouds drifting onward, far across the Heavens, blue;
See the light upon the hill!
Tender joy and rapture thrill
Through the loving heart of Nature, when the skies are bright and new.

See the shadows come and go,
Creeping silently and slow
Down across the shady woodland, where the meek-eyed cattle stay;
Waving fields of growing grain
Catch the light; and on, again,
Drift the ever changing shadows, on their trackless, homeward way.

Down across the meadow they
Games of hide and seek do play,
While the genial sun is shining on them, warm and bright and clear;
Graceful daisies bend to meet
Clover blossoms, at their feet,
While around them race the shadows, drifting from them, drifting near.

Pleasant breezes hurry by;
Flower fields of fair July
Fill the air with fragrant odors, quite as sweet as those of May;
Beauty reigns, a queen, sublime,
In the golden Summer time,
While the drifting, shifting shadows cross the blue hills, far away.



stays for several weeks. Some seasons bring rain at regular intervals, and then the flower garden prospers; one may readily be persuaded to declare that he can see the plants grow. But there is always a probability that dry weather will come, sometime, and it is the wise gardener's duty to prepare for it. When necessary, a barrel should be placed at the back door and filled with water from the weekly wash. This, diluted with clear water, can be used on any plants.

Flower growers who have garden hose and other handy implements ought to be entirely happy. And the person who has only a watering pot, which can be filled with unlimited quantities of water, has also cause to be equally joyful. The chances are that his or her flowers will be as fine as anybody's, especially if enthusiasm and thoroughness are employed in the work. Water

Through Fields and Woodlands

BY N. HUDSON MOORE



I loaf and invite my soul,
I lean and loaf at my ease observing a spear of summer grass.
Walt Whitman.

This is an excellent motto for a summer day, and one of those grains of wheat that you come upon amid the bushels of chaff written by Whitman. To lean and loaf at ease and observe nature is one of the privileges of summer, and not only a privilege but a duty. A tithe should be taken from every week of work and given to rest and communion with nature. We should allow and make due provision for our own growth. By July nearly all the birds have got their little families out of the nest and learning to take care of themselves, for whatever Mr. Burroughs says to the contrary I firmly believe that the young are taught many things, that all does not come by instinct. The robins by July have their second brood on hand, so does the Phoebe, while the Quail, if you are so fortunate as to have them bred in your vicinity, may be thinking about rearing a third brood, although they do not set about this till the very end of July. Indeed it happens occasionally that they get started with a third brood so late in the season that the cold weather destroys the chicks before they are able to take care of themselves. Everywhere in July, in the wood, the orchard, by the country roadside, on the village street, are heard the notes of anxious parents, and over for the season are those enchanting love songs, which have been ringing in the early morning for the past two months.

Yet we have our regular performers, and all the summer through are gladdened by the sweet songs of the warbling vireo, the gold finch, the wren, the song sparrow, the catbird and the oriole. Those who do not know the song of the first named of these, the warbling vireo have missed much. It is one of the most widely distributed birds we have, in New York State at least, and is content to weave its charming nest in a street where traffic moves noisily along, and sings undisturbed with trolley, dray, or automobile running underneath its home. It selects by preference an elm tree, and you may for years have known the song and yet never seen the singer. The books tell you he is olive green, but I have held one of these birds in my hand this very season and it has not

even a tinge of green upon it anywhere. Its color is gray, mouse gray, soft toned and light on the breast and darker above. It has the usual vireo bill, long and slender, and is a modest little minstrel, and in common with all the members of this family an exquisite nest builder. Before July has half passed one of the choicest of all our songsters has become silent, is changing his coat and preparing for that flight to the South which too often proves his destruction. This is the bobolink (Robert O'Lincoln) he of the black and cream coat, and of the rippling song. There

are bobolinks to be found all about Rochester, in the meadows and soft fields. Here he disports himself merrily, for to the male alone is given the gift of song and beauty. The female is a plain little creature, olive-buff striped with black, and in no degree fitted to hold a candle to her royal mate. The bobolink loves an audience. He will sing for you, and seem to take pleasure in the performance, flying between two perches which he selects, like the bough of a tree and a fence post, and going from one to the other, singing all the time his joyous melody. But perhaps he is really at his best in chorus. It is quite indescribable when two or three dozen birds are singing at the same time, flying back and forth not very far from the ground and being the very epitome of light hearted merriment. I cannot bear to think of them a month later, shorn of their brilliant plumage, (the yellow tipped feathers and breeding plumage are lost by a complete molt) silent, or at best only saying "chink, chink" in a harsh dull tone, and now totally transformed into the redbird, a morsel for an epicure. How many thousands lose their lives each fall it would be hard to say, as they stop in their migrations in the rice fields of the South. If they were only wise they would press on in undiminished flocks to their winter homes beyond the Amazon, and the next Spring our hearts would rejoice at their increased numbers. Fortunately they rear quite large families, sometimes as many as seven eggs being found in the nest of grasses they put confidently on the ground. The late ploughing, caused by the backward spring, this year, caused



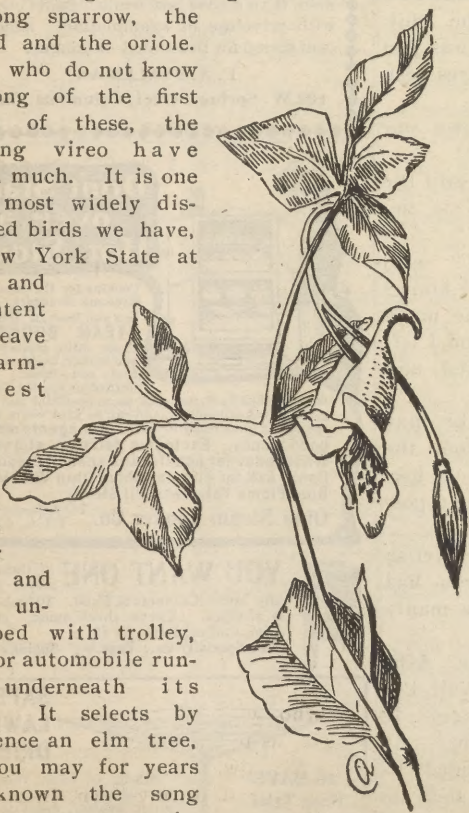
the destruction of hundreds of meadow lark's nests, so next season we will hear less frequently their sweet and melancholy call.

One of the prettiest flowers of July is that of the jewel-weed, or touch-me-not, which grows with its feet in the brook, or at least standing in bog, where it can get plenty of moisture. This is one of the flowers which long remains a roadside ornament, as every child knows that it is useless to pick it as it wilts immediately.

All the bog flowers seem to be unusually interesting and pretty, perhaps because it is so difficult to get them. Nothing can be lovelier than the whole orchid family, with their strong preference for crimson color, and their varied and fanciful shapes, as if some strange insect had alighted for a moment, and then taken root. One of the most interesting studies possible is the shape of flowers. Nature did not make a single one hit or miss, but each was shaped and colored to meet its own requirements, and to attract or repel, those invaluable assistants, the various members of the insect world.

There are few of our common plants more oddly shaped, or more interesting than the pitcher plant, or side-saddle flower. My earliest recollection of this plant, was seeing crowds of the red umbrella-like blossoms growing in a wide lush New England meadow, one of those spots called by the farmer "intervale," and where cranberries are raised in the autumn, and where the village children skate in winter on the ice which forms when the meadow is flooded to protect the cranberry vines. It is strange how the memory of what is associated with childish pleasures clings to us. No matter where I see a pitcher plant, the picture of that Massachusetts meadow rises in my mind. Every year, if possible, I like to get one of the plants and take it home and those who love to watch the unfolding of Nature's methods can do no better than to get one, too. They thrive best if grown in a bowl with some of their native soil and plenty of water. Get them even in blossom and they will keep right on, and unfold for your benefit a series of little pitchers which will not annoy you by having "long ears."

They come out at first almost as thin and slender as blades of grass, but touched with red. By and bye the tips unfold, and a delicate pitcher grows of a more tender green than if out of doors but covered with the same set of little hairs which prove the undoing of so many unwary insects. These plants will grow all winter if you give them plenty of water, and prove a source of interest which is sometimes lacking in better known varieties.



JEWEL WEED.



QUAIL.

Backfire

One of the Prize Stories in our Recent Contest.

By Mrs. F. A. Reynolds.



A chilling autumn day! The searching, gusty wind sent the low lying clouds scudding across the dull gray sky.

On the quiet country road few people were passing. Once in awhile a farm-wagon was driven as quickly as possible by a half frozen man with his coat collar turned up and his hat brim turned down in an effort to defy the sudden and unexpected cold, which found everybody unprepared.

About the middle of the afternoon when the freakish breezes were performing their most vixenish tricks, a man walked steadily along this dusty highway, his head bent as if in thought, apparently oblivious of the unpleasant prospect.

Suddenly he paused under a tree and lifting his hat and raising his eyes registered a vow, exclaiming aloud, "I'll do it! My past is nobody's business, and my future shall be as blameless as I can make it, God helping me!"

He glanced around half fearfully as he realized that he had spoken his thought aloud, but seeing no one, breathed a sigh of relief and replacing his hat was about to start on again, when he raised his head with the peculiar motion of one startled, and sniffed the air suspiciously.

Surely it was fire! The air was full of it! Now that he listened he could distinctly hear the crackle and roar of flames, and—yes, he could discern the smoke rising over the strip of timber to his left. Between him and the burning woods was a farm with its dwellings and barns. As he looked, he heard the crash of a falling tree, then he saw the red serpent licking its way into the open fields. And then he observed what he had not seen before, a group of women and children watching with evident anxiety, the path of the fire. He noticed that the wind was in the right direction to carry the fire over the meadows to the farm-house, and even as he watched, the angry fiery tongues leaped over into the dry grass and raced with each other towards the pretty peaceful home. Feeling in his pocket for matches, he started on a run, across the road and down the hill to where the helpless group stood, apparently paralyzed with terror. The fire was advancing rapidly now and he shouted as he passed them, "Paper! Matches! Quick!"

A young girl, comprehending, ran into the house and out again with her hands full. The man met her and snatching the paper tore it into fragments as he ran, and taking a favorable position, he stooped and carefully started a fire. Going on in a straight

line he started another and so on until a line of fire burned brightly the full length of the meadow.

"What is he doing?" screamed one of the women hysterically.

"Oh! He's all right!" cried the girl with a note of triumph in her trembling voice, "He's building a backfire!"

On swept the fire driven by the wind! Racing to meet it with wicked glee was the fire started by the stranger! Quickly it left a blackened waste behind it!

And then? Narrower and narrower grew the strip of dry grass! Faster and faster raced the rival flames meeting at last with every particle of fuel licked up between them and there was instant death and the white line of ashes was blown hither and thither by the rising wind!

But the pretty home was safe! The stranger wiped his heated brow and walked slowly towards the house and the women came swiftly towards him with outstretched hands.

"You have saved our home!" exclaimed the elder of the two who met him directly. "And whom am I to thank?"

"The Lord!" replied the stranger. His face flushed. He had not meant to say that! It seemed to say itself. The woman, however, took the unintentional rebuke and answered reverently.

"I do! But I intended to ask your name."

"Laurence Bernard!" replied the man after an instant's hesitation.

"I am Mrs. Ashmore!" said the woman, and this is my cousin Mrs. Waldron, and this—"

She broke off suddenly and looked in the direction of the house and they all caught a glimpse of the vanishing figure of the young girl who had answered Mr. Bernard's demand for matches.

"Why! I thought Marjorie was right here!" she exclaimed. Then she added, moving on towards the house, "Come right in with us and get rested and have some supper. I want you to wait and see my husband and let him thank you!"

"Thank you!" said Mr. Bernard. "I shall be glad to have a chance to wash up a little and make myself more respectable looking, but then I must be going along!"

"You must rest awhile first anyway!" said Mrs. Ashmore insistently and led the way around the house to a pretty side porch which led into the sitting-room.

She showed him into a neat sleeping room where was a wash-stand and all necessities for the toilet and left him, saying:

"When you are ready, just step out into the sitting-room and lie down to rest until I come in!"

Mr. Bernard obeyed her literally. He had not intended to stay, but the bright cozy room with the low wide couch looked so inviting he could not resist the temptation to lie down just

for a minute or two. The result was that tired nature asserted itself and he fell asleep.

Mrs. Ashmore came in and finding him sleeping, quietly covered him with an afghan and went out leaving the door ajar.

How long he slept he could not tell, but when he awoke, a cheery fire burned in the fireplace and the shades were drawn. He was alone in the room but through the partly open door he could see a light and hear voices. A man was speaking, his voice showing suppressed excitement.

"When did you see the fire, first?"

Mr. Bernard recognized Mrs. Ashmore's voice in reply, as she apparently moved about setting the tea-table.

"I presume it was about ten o'clock in the morning when Marjorie came back from her ride and said that she guessed the woods were afire for she could smell smoke and she thought she saw it too. We kept watch because we saw the wind was rising and about the middle of the afternoon we saw a tiny bit of fire run right out of the woods and catch on to our meadow. We could see and smell the smoke but we could not see the fire in the woods, but there that little snaky flame ran along the ground and came right at us! The edge of the meadow was burning fiercely when this Mr. Bernard came running past us and asked for matches and paper, and Marjorie ran into the house and got them. He went out and set a fire at this side of the meadow. My! I was frightened! I didn't know but the man was crazy! The wind was just right to bring his fire to the house! I screamed, but Marjorie said it was all right. She had read, only a day or two ago about the philosophy of a backfire. And it was just wonderful to see those two fires rush to meet each other!

Oh! There's no doubt we owe our home tonight to the stranger!"

"It certainly seems so!" said the other voice adding, "But who is he, and where did he come from?"

"I'm sure I don't know!" said Mrs. Ashmore. "How should I know? We came right in as soon as he made sure the fire was really out, and I left him to get cleaned up and rested and I have been busy ever since."

"Then you don't know but he may be an escaped convict from the prison!" returned the man in a joking tone, which suggested also a possibility of his words being true.

"Now uncle!" chimed in a girlish voice, "That's cruel! If you had seen him! If ever there was a manly man! Convict, indeed."

The uncle, presumably Mr. Ashmore, laughed and said, "Well I'll trust Marjorie to read character! If she passes him, he's all right! At any rate we are infinitely obliged to him for his timely aid and I shall be glad to tell him so myself!"

"Wonder if he's awake yet!" said Mrs. Ashmore in hushed tones, step-

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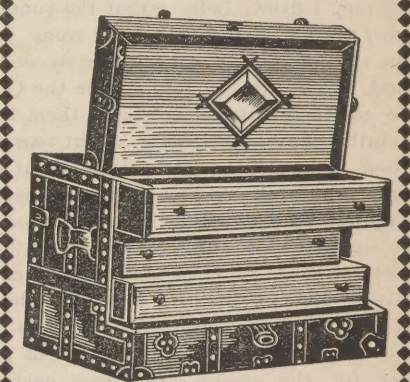
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ping lightly towards the door of the room where the stranger was an involuntary eavesdropper. He stirred slightly as he heard his hostess enter the room, then arose slowly and sat up, passing his hand over his head to smooth his hair.

He stood up and bowed as she said, "So you are awake! I am glad, for my husband has come home and tea is ready! Come right out, if you will and see him!"

Mr. Bernard followed Mrs. Ashmore and an instant later his hand was warmly grasped as she introduced him to her husband.

"I understand you saved our house for us!" exclaimed Mr. Ashmore.

"It was a little thing to do," said Mr. Bernard with a smile that changed the expression of his face, "But apparently that was what was needed just then!"

"Yes, and everybody might not have known how to check such a fire effectually," returned Mr. Ashmore.

"Sit down to the table" said Mrs. Ashmore, "and Marjorie—"

"Why, where is she?" continued the lady turning around in search of the missing girl.

"She said she was too tired to stay to tea, so she poured her a cup of tea and took it to her room" said Mr. Ashmore.

"That makes twice," murmured Mrs. Ashmore, but no one paid any attention and as Mrs. Waldron just then came in with two little boys they all sat down and supper was eaten with plenty of fun and wit to enliven it.

The evening passed quickly and pleasantly and they retired early. Next morning they had a farmer's early breakfast and at the table Mr. Ashmore asked thoughtfully, "Where did you say you are going?"

"I do not know as I have said" replied Mr. Bernard smiling, "but I rather expect to go to Cincinnati."

"Cincinnati!" exclaimed Mrs. Ashmore, "Why! I have a brother there!"

"Indeed!" was Mr. Bernard's guarded reply.

"Yes, Mr. Fielding—George H. Fielding of the firm of Jeffries & Fielding!"

"I'll tell you!" began Mrs. Ashmore briskly, then she hesitated, "Are you at all acquainted in the city?"

"Not at all!" said Mr. Bernard.

"Then would you like a letter of introduction to my brother? He might aid you in getting acquainted and into business!"

"Thank you. It would be very kind in you, but you do not know anything about me you see—You could hardly recommend me!"

"No, that's true, but I could say that you have rendered us a great service and that Marjorie—"

She stopped and hesitated. "Marjorie has a nervous headache this morning. I was going to say we believe you to be—as good as you look!" she finished with a laugh.

Mr. Bernard smiled. "That will do! I will certainly try to live up to that!"

Noon found Mr. Bernard at a junction several miles from the Ashmore farm just boarding a train for Cincinnati.

Arriving at that city late in the evening he went to a hotel. As early in the morning as he thought he could see Mr. Fielding, he went to the address on the letter given him by Mrs. Ashmore.

He found the office in an immense building devoted to the business of Jeffries & Fielding. On his statement that he brought a letter to deliver to Mr. Fielding, he was admitted to that gentleman's private office.

"My name is Bernard. I bring you a letter of introduction from your sister, Mrs. Ashmore," said he as Mr. Fielding arose to receive him.

Mr. Fielding shook hands cordially and giving him a seat, proceeded to read his sister's letter.

"Having read it, he turned in his chair and fastened a keen look upon the young man.

"Do you know what is in this letter?" he asked. "Certainly not!" replied Mr. Bernard promptly, with a flushing face.

"I did not mean to insinuate that you would gain a knowledge of its contents dishonorably," said Mr. Fielding laughing, "but I did not know but you had been informed."

"I presume it is merely a letter of introduction," replied Mr. Bernard. "Mrs. Ashmore, when she learned I intended coming here, a stranger, offered to introduce me to you, thinking you might be able to assist me to get work."

"My sister informs me you did them a great service," said Mr. Fielding.

"She puts it that way," replied Mr. Bernard.

"It is a great thing to know just what to do and how to do it," said Mr. Fielding, "and a man who has that in him ought not to find it difficult to get work. Fortunately for you, and I hope for us as well, we are needing, at once, a confidential clerk. Our clerk left us a few months ago to go into another business, and we have been troubled since with a series of incompetent men. What has been your work?"

"I have been a bookkeeper most of my life. I am quite sure I could do the work required of a clerk or secretary. I can write well and compose correctly enough for business correspondence."

"Well, we will agree to try you for a few days," said Mr. Fielding. "Find yourself a boarding-place and come back to work this afternoon."

Thus was Laurence Bernard installed into a responsible business position, and three years marched steadily on, making employed and employer close and quite confidential friends. Mr. Bernard became well

known among the city business men and had many opportunities to enter other fields, but he was satisfied to remain where he was evidently appreciated. His salary has been raised each year and he dressed and appeared well.

One day in October of his fourth year with Mr. Fielding, a tall, elegant and stylish young lady came into the office and spoke familiarly to Mr. Fielding.

"My daughter!" said that gentleman, "Madge dear, this is my 'right hand,' Mr. Bernard!"

Mr. Bernard rose with a bow and Miss Fielding graciously extended her faultlessly gloved hand.

Mr. Bernard seated himself and returned to his work and Miss Fielding, having received the check for which she had asked, departed, but life was not just the same after that for the quiet confidential clerk.

"Madge has just returned from her trip abroad," remarked Mr. Fielding. "She has been away to college the last four years, but now she will be at home and things will be different."

A few days later Mr. Fielding instructed Mr. Bernard to go to New York City to overtake a shipment of goods with a message to the supercargo.

He arrived in the city late in the afternoon and went at once to the wharves, performed his errand and was on his way to the station to take a night train home, when, hurrying along one of the poorest streets near the water he suddenly heard his name called in an agitated female voice, and turning quickly, he beheld, to his astonishment, Miss Fielding.

She hurried forward as he went to meet her, "What can this mean?" asked Mr. Bernard with astonishment and horror.

"I don't know!" said Miss Fielding with a shiver. "I don't know where I am nor how I came here! Can you tell me, am I in Cincinnati?"

"You certainly are not, Miss Fielding!" said Mr. Bernard, more and more astonished.

She caught his arm and clung to him as if in mortal terror.

"Where am I then?" she gasped

"In New York city near the wharves," he replied, as they walked on as rapidly as the frightened girl's strength allowed.

"Don't talk now!" he commanded. "Wait until we are in pleasanter surroundings."

They hastened on through cross streets until a cab stand was reached and Mr. Bernard ordered one in which they were glad to sit down and rest as they were rapidly driven to the hotel to which Mr. Bernard had directed the driver.

Arrived there a private parlor was engaged and in the quiet room Miss Fielding gained control of herself and briefly told her story.

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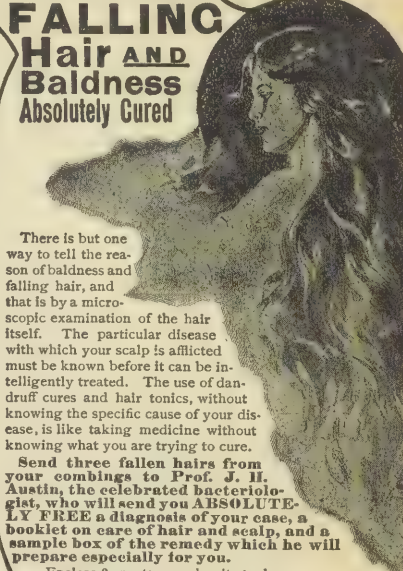
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Raspberries in Their Season

By Mrs. G. T. Drennan

With the roses of June, strawberries come, then the raspberries ripen. The berry season also includes dewberries and blackberries, but raspberries have ever been my favorites for preserving, canning and for serving with fresh cream and sugar. Unlike other berries they are hollow, each one a little cup, or thimble. Cream and sugar fills each one as if it were a cup, therefore it is best to allow a double quantity of cream or milk when serving fresh raspberries. They require less sugar than the delicious strawberries, as they are sweet, with barely enough sub-acid to impart piquant flavor.

Raspberry Desserts.—Serve fresh raspberries with cream or sweet milk and sugar, and if preferred whip the cream. They are equally appropriate for breakfast, dinner or lunch, and for five o'clock tea.

Raspberry Tarts.—Make light puff pastry, and roll as thin as possible. Line pie pans of any kind with the pastry, but the little scalloped-edge patty pans make the neatest shells. Crush the berries, with granulated sugar, and fill the pastry two thirds full. Use no water. Dredge flour lightly over the tops of the tarts, and set in a moderate oven until the pastry is nicely browned. Serve with whipped cream. Brush white of an egg over the pastry when the tins are lined, before the berries are put in, and it will not be soggy, from the juice.

Raspberry Jam.—Weigh the berries and sugar, pound for pound, and cook them together, stirring frequently to prevent burning to the bottom. If the bottom and sides of the preserving kettle are rubbed over with olive oil before the jam is put in, the tendency to burn will be obviated, and such constant stirring will not be required. Cook slowly, but keep the jam up to a heat that will cause it to bubble, until nearly done. Then set back on the stove, to keep hot and to cook very slowly for an hour. Fill the jars with the hot jam and seal securely. The one pound glass jars, such as the "bought" jam comes in, are admirable for use. They hold enough to serve once, and it is always best to have sweetmeats turned out all at once, from small sized jars. Large quantities, having to be opened and gone into several times, are liable to fermentation.

Raspberry Jelly.—Allow pound for pound of sugar and berries. Heat the sugar, crush the berries and allow one pint of water to every three pounds of berries and three of sugar. Boil rapidly. All jelly congeals more quickly if boiled in small quantities, a quart or such, in small sized kettles. Raspberry jelly is crimson. The fruit must be carefully strained after the berries and water are boiled together. Then add the hot sugar, and in twenty minutes of rapid boiling the jelly will be ready for the glasses. Parafine can not be too highly recommended in putting up preserves and jelly. Poured over the top, it effectually excludes the air.

Basket Dinners.

Apropos of out-door recreations for summer, the basket dinner is of great importance. Excursions for the day to lake-side, mountain, or even to the park, call for baskets filled with refreshments.

"The way mamma used to do" suits everybody. That was a good way. If every mamma is like the one I know of that has filled baskets and

baskets for picnics, the contents were of a nature not to run, nor soften, nor make the fingers sticky. She had dry, crisp beaten biscuits, which make better sandwiches than bread or crackers, for this purpose. Beat and bake the biscuits early in the morning, in time to get cold before the basket has to be filled. Roll the biscuit dough not quite half an inch thick and prick with a fork to prevent blistering in the process of baking.

Split the beaten biscuits, spread each half with a very thin coat of butter. Slice cold boiled ham as thin as paper, and lay between the two halves of biscuit. Slice cold boiled tongue, and the breast of cold chicken and lay between buttered biscuits. These sliced meats, and the nice, golden brown, crisp biscuits make sandwiches that do not muss, when packed in the basket, nor do they soil the fingers when eaten.

Mayonnaise and other seasoning; chopped or ground tongue or chicken; sardines and made, fancy filling for sandwiches, are not so well suited for basket dinners as the plain biscuits and cold, boiled, sliced meats.

Cakes baked in small-sized pans, of about one or two pound size and depth, and iced top, sides and bottom, will always keep whole and be in prime condition for the dinner when taken from the basket. Small loaf cakes are much better than layer and rolled cakes, with jelly and other kinds of filling. A small loaf cake can easily be sliced on the napkin, if necessary, without a plate.

Pies can be made that will be as dry and firm as cake. Have small round, oval or square individual patty-pans, an inch deep. Make the pastry only tolerably rich, and roll it very thin. Line the little pans and fill them with the following:

Boil and cream Irish potatoes. To two cups of the creamed potato, beaten to a light puff with one tablespoonful of butter, add one cup of sugar and the beaten yolks of three eggs seasoning with grated nutmeg. Fill the pastry shells and set in a brisk oven to brown. Froth the whites by first adding cut loaf sugar and beating until dissolved continuing until one pound of sugar has been used and the icing has risen and is shining like satin and smooth. Spread over the top of each pie and well down over the edges of the pastry. Set them in a cool oven to dry and they will be ready to pack in the picnic basket. Flavor the icing with vanilla or lemon.

Another firm, shapely set of patty-pan pies are lemon custards made solid with eggs and corn starch. To one pint of boiling water, allow four tablespoonsful of corn starch wet smoothly with cold water, the yolks of three eggs beaten with

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For the Children

Dorothy's Morning.

BY A. WALTON BROWN.

(One of the prize stories of our recent contest.)

Dorothy's pony ran away, which was just what Dorothy's mother said he would do.

Autos were a new thing in that hill country, and when the big red touring car came tic-ticking, and puff-puffing behind him, Calico took to his heels and tore frantically down the road, with Dorothy sawing on the lines and calling "Whoa, Calico, whoa!"

"There Jeffries, I told you! She is such a little thing and you couldn't be sure her pony was safe. Now it will be a beastly mess if she has a nasty spill."

The boy in the auto was in a great state of excitement, craning his neck to see around the bend of the road where the pony had disappeared.

"Get around the bend anyhow."

"O look! hurry up there will you?—let her out with a rush—the child has had a beastly smash."

Around the bend the road ran straight. The scampering pony was seen to suddenly swerve and the runaway ended in a huddled heap on the roadside. Dorothy slid out of the up-tilted cart with a bump, a little white heap on the grass.

Jeffries and the boy ran to the rescue. Dorothy's pretty white dress was sadly soiled and her sunny curls were a tangled mop. Calico was on his knees part way up a gravel bank, jammed between a telephone pole and the cart.

"If you aren't a jolly plucky one," cried the boy pulling Dorothy to her feet. "You'd be good for any kind of a lark, wouldn't you? O I say, how did you ever think of running your pony into a bank? Aren't you a plucky one?"

Jeffries had pulled the little horse off the gravel heap and led him up to the big auto to get acquainted. Jeffries was so big that though the trembling pony snorted and jerked he could not pull away from the man.

"He is quiet now, Miss," said Jeffries, respectfully touching his cap as he led Calico up harnessed again to the little cart; "but I hate to see you drive off alone, you are such a mite of a little lady. You can't weigh five stone."

"Where's your groom?" asked the boy bluntly.

And Dorothy answered in perfect truth, "I don't know."

"O I say," called the boy after Jeffries, "I shall drive this little girl, and you come after me to her house."

Calico trotted demurely off with the boy sitting beside Dorothy, who was very silent. She was thinking—what kind people these were, and how funny they talked. The man said she weighed five stones—was it big stones or little stones? And he called the boy "Melud." That was an awful funny name for a boy. And what was a groom?

O yes! a bridegroom. And Dorothy laughed right out. "You did

not really and truly think I was big enough to have a bridegroom, did you? Why, I'm only ten."

"O I say," said the boy. "I didn't mean that. It is your groom—the servant who rides behind you. Where is he?"

The boy did not laugh, he did not seem to find much to laugh at, when other people laughed he only said, "O I say!" or "Now really!"

But Dorothy shook her head; she could not understand what a groom could be. So she said, "I am going on an errand to Miss Emmie's to get an educated kitten, please stop at this house."

"Well you Americans are a queer sort! Who ever heard of an educated kitten?" The boy stopped Calico before a little red cottage and the two children went in. Miss Emmie was a kindly, bustling little lady. Just the kind of a little woman you would

think would want to educate her kittens.

She was very glad to see the children, and Dorothy presented her new friend very prettily. "Miss Emmie, this is Melud."

Miss Emmie looked amused, and said, "What a funny name. I am very glad to see you, my dear, but what is the rest of your name?"

But the boy looked puzzled and blurted out, "O I say, she's awfully mixed," and then stopped and looked so disturbed that kind Miss Emmie brought the kitten to see if that would put her guests more at ease.

"What will you name him, Dorothy?" she asked, holding up the shining jet black ball of fur, "Linsey-woolsey, or Alpacca, or Bombazine? You will want his name to match Calico. Is he not big?"

Dorothy laughed, but the boy said, "Those are rotten names."

"Well," said Miss Emmie gently, "you haven't told me what your name is."

"Algernon Sidney George Cecil Wulfe-Gordon."

"Goodness!" gasped Miss Emmie, and Dorothy stared in open-eyed admiration, for a boy with such a lot of beautiful names right out of a book!

"But the man did call you 'Melud,'" she said, "and that don't belong to any of those beautiful names."

"You must be a little English boy?" said Miss Emmie. "But how did you come by your funny nickname?"

"O, I say," cried Algernon Sidney George Cecil Wulfe-Gordon, "Jeffries has to address me that way."

Dorothy was puzzled, indeed. This was the first English boy she had ever met. How funny he did talk.

Miss Emmie being grown up, naturally got hold of her politeness first.

"About the cat's name," she said, "when I was a little girl Phineas T. Barnum was the great show man—the circus man, and he advertised, 'A cherry-colored cat.' All the folks came crowding to his show, and paid twenty-five cents to see this wonderful red cat. When they got in and came to look, it was nothing but a common black cat. Said Barnum, 'It's the color of a black cherry, ain't it?' Why not not call this black cat Cherry?"

"Now really, how do you educate a kitten?" asked the boy, running his fingers through the soft fur.

"You must begin when they are young," answered Miss Emmie. "The first thing is never to frighten or hurt a kitten. This pussie has never been teased, nor scatted, nor had anything thrown at him,

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"GOOD 'N' NOUGH FER ME!" BY E. A. BRININSTOOL.



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It ain't no fun to go to skule,
An' study all the day,
Becuz a feller never has
Half time enuff fer play;
You bet if I wuz runnin' things
I'd ten times ruther be
With Buff'lo Bill an' cowboys—
They're jest the chaps fer me!

If I jest had a prancin' horse,
A gun an' pistol too,
You bet I wouldn't stay 'round here
With sich prospects in view!
I'd start right fer the woolly West,
An' mighty soon I'd be
With Buff'lo Bill an' cowboys—
They're good'n' nough fer me!

I'm jest about disc'uraged when
I think of what a name
I'd carve in letters big an' bold
An' win a heap o' fame;
I'd call myself the "infant scout,"
An' 'nen my ma would see
'At Buff'lo Bill an' cowboys
Wuz jest the men fer me!

I'd wear my hair way down my back,
An' sport a buckskin coat
With fringes runnin' down the seams
An' open at the throat;
I'd wear a big sombrero,
An' boots with spurs—oh gee!
If I could only live out West
Where all the cowboys be!

My ma she sez I'm orful bad
'Cuz I don't like my skule
But I don't see no use to learn
That 'rithmetician rule;
She sez she jest can't understand
What has got into me,
An' what they is 'bout Buff'lo Bill
That's good, she fails to see.

I guess they's time enough fer me
To go to skule bime-by;
Jest now I wan't to win a name,
How can I 'less I try?
If you like skule, why, that is jest
The place you'd orter be,
But Buff'lo Bill a' cowboys
Is good'n' nough fer me!



THE MOTHER'S MEETING

By Victoria Wellman

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And how often have hearts been in terror
Of evils that never occurred.

Let tomorrow take care of tomorrow;
Short and dark as our life may appear,
We may make it still darker by sorrow;
Still shorter by folly and fear.
Half our troubles are half our invention;
And how often from blessings conferred
Have we shrunk in the wild apprehension
Of evils that never occurred.

Busy Mothers.

The old saying is, "Order is Heaven's first law." Another of like value and truth is, "A place for everything and everything in its place." The loving, unselfish mother is too easily led to spoil her children at the age when they seem incurably disorderly. She dislikes to scold or punish as often as occasion arises and equally she craves to see her home a nest of peace and comfortable order. Her usual plan is to do all the "picking up" herself or at most to insist on a few spasms of cleaning at rare intervals with long stretches of wild disorder between. She joins the vast army of home-made martyrs and becomes, more or less meekly, "a chink filler," as Marion Harland describes the class. God bless the cheerful chink filler—but may Wisdom guide her lest she degenerate into a white slave.

It may prove her devotion, but not her good sense, if a delicate woman adds endless steps upstairs for a thoughtless but otherwise good husband whose mother never trained him for husbandhood. During courtship and in best of health and while herself care free, she would have been surprised had he not shown her many courtesies. Marriage does not produce indifference, but the self-annihilation or lack of mutual explanation of the other party's needs so often existing, has in countless cases, by slow stages but surely as any habit can, wrought havoc with both hearts.

She is not the best mother whose aching back bends needlessly to pick up heedless children's toys, thus forming bad habits. In the earliest in-

fancy by quiet insistence (and light punishments added later on) babies learn obedience and good habits just as by carelessness in this golden period, bad habits are fixed. Even their ideals of right and wrong are largely stamped ineffaceably before seven years of age.

Here is a hint for you, busy mothers; so many must sew and also let children play in dining or sitting room; to do so and not feel confused by unexpected callers, have a corner cupboard made. Have two boxes lined with shelves and in the lower teach the children to lay their toys before meals, and bedtime. It pays to have doors on this one, as careless little folks have a way of thrusting in things haphazard. It also pays to lock these as punishment at times for disorder. A pretty curtain can drape the upper box and patterns, spools, etc., can await a precious moment of leisure. A smooth floor covering or a rug may catch the basting threads and a scrap basket assist. Thus sewing may be a comfort.

Let us walk humbly, friend;
Slight not the heartsease blooming round our feet;
The laurel blossoms are not half so sweet.
Let us walk kindly, friend;
We cannot tell how long this life shall last,
How soon these precious years be over past;
Let us walk quickly, friend;
Work with your might while lasts our little stay;
And help some halting comrade on the way;
Let love walk with us, friend. *Selected.*

The Young Mother.

(Continued from June issue.)

Use the new knit umbrella drawers and union suits, (made by the manufacturers of Gertrude suits) under these, and have the sleeved shirt of varying weights.

Read "Physical Culture" and "Beauty and Health" (you can club these with Vick's) and have a mother's own journal just as much as a daily newspaper—more so, indeed. Such a magazine as "American Mother" will solve your problems, cheer and comfort many an hour, and improve you—for baby's sake. The writer is now taking up "Physical Culture's" offer of a complete library on physical culture and wishes others to know their terms and true value. All whose health is poor, who have delicate boys, who are cursed by inherited disorders, may rejoice over such help as is here found. I will also endeavor to pass it on to you when some very good point arises. Would I could coax or force every expectant mother to learn what self help is possible in pregnancy through "Physical Culture." Not only painless births but a prenatal victory. All who send names shall receive copies and may you find inspiration as I have done.

"Be merry, man, and take not sore to mind
The wavering of this wretched world of sorrow;
To God be humble, to thy friend be kind,
And with thy neighbor gladly lend and borrow;
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Be blithe in heart for any adventure;
How oft with wise men it has been said afore now
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For scurvy heads on infants rub salted butter in carefully. Then cleanse head as usual, even using a

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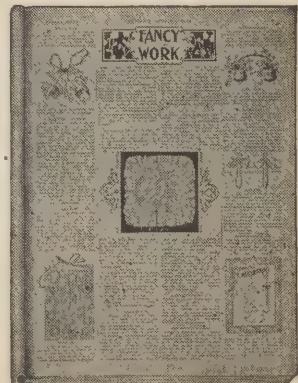
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Editorial.

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The cool an' dreamy dells,
Where the cattle shake their bells,
An' the quiet of the twilight when the day sighs sweet farewells!

Frank L. Stanton.

We are apt to overlook the beauties which lie along the paths we tread every day. We are so used to them that they attract no attention. Did you every examine a clover blossom or give a thought to its beauty? All of them are pretty and the alsike is particularly so. It is becoming very plenty along the country roadsides, almost more so than the white clover which formerly grew so freely everywhere. The alsike blossoms vary in color; some of them which shade from white to a deep pink are as pretty as little roses. A bunch of them makes a pretty floral ornament for the table and will last for days.

No story is the same to us after the lapse of time; or rather, we who read it are no longer the same interpreters.

George Eliot.

Buttercups are almost gone when the ox-eye daisies come, but still enough of them can be obtained to set off the glittering snow-white blossoms and no prettier combination can be desired. Fortunately, they both grow along the roadside so we can pick all we want, though the farmers are generally willing that we should gather in the fields all we can carry. One of the prettiest ornaments for a veranda is a jardiniere full of buttercups and daisies; they always attract attention and admiration, for everybody likes them.

I wouldn't be without your magazine; it is invaluable to all lovers of flowers and the garden.—J. S. G., Saugatuck, Conn.

A real lover of flowers finds more pleasure in working among them than in looking at what has been accomplished by the labor of some one else. Though it is hard work to keep the beds free from weeds and one realizes to the utmost the true inwardness of the old saying "as mean as pusley" when one tries to rid the garden of that troublesome plant, yet the beauty of the blossoms repays one for all the labor. In the garden as everywhere else we are apt to value most that which costs us something either in time, effort or money. It sometimes surprises one, though, to find how much labor it requires to make plants grow and weeds not grow.

I appreciate the courtesy of your sending the magazine after my time had expired.—Mrs. F. R., Sedalia, Mo.

There is nothing in the world sweeter than the odor of the blossoms of the grape vine. The tiny little green flowers are full of a fragrance that seems like the "very air of heaven" and which fills the atmosphere for an almost incredible space. Riding along a country road a most delightful perfume greets you. It is always a surprise and you stop, wondering what it can be. Then you see that a wild grape vine covers the stone wall along the roadside or gracefully drapes the trees, and you know at once that it is in bloom and is the source of the fragrance. Passing along the streets of the city, the same delightful odor from cultivated vines sometimes meets you, especially at evening, and you wonder that every one does not have at least one grape vine for the fragrance of its blossoms and its ornamental qualities, if not for the fruit. Really, considering that grape vines take up almost no room and no city lot is too small for one, for they can be trained up on trellises out of the way, it is surprising that so few are grown.

The habit which some birds have of returning to the same place to nest year after year and the short time which it takes to accustom them to the presence of human beings, were well illustrated this spring in our city. Some robins had for two

successive years built a nest in a porch. The projection on which they built was so small that twice the nest had fallen. The third year the mistress of the house had a strip of board put up which furnished a larger foundation. The robins came as usual; for two or three days they inspected the building place, evidently in doubt whether to accept the amendment or not, but finally concluded to do so and the nest was soon finished. It was necessary to paint the house and it was feared that the birds would leave; but no, they philosophically accepted the situation and the mother bird remained on the nest, allowing the workmen to paint all around it without manifesting the least timidity. A doctor visiting patients at the house learning of this little incident spoke of it to his driver. The man said, "Yes I have noticed that habit of birds. On a certain corner of a certain hospital a pair of birds have built for three successful years."

I have just finished reading sample copy of your magazine, which came yesterday. To say that I am highly pleased with it is perhaps needless, as it is said that, "Actions speak louder than words." I enclose \$1.00 for three years subscription to the magazine.—J. M. W., Mears, Mich.

Two years ago some phoebe birds built their nest under the roof of the deep piazza of a country home. Though this was the family resort in summer, the birds did not mind as their nest was far above the reach of intruders. Last year they returned, repaired the nest and raised two fine broods. Just before the young birds left the nest was a busy time for the parent birds. A small stream flowed near by and insects were plenty. The birds were so incessantly on the wing between the nest and the brook that a count was made of their visits. Eight times in five minutes they brought food to the insatiable young, and their labors were kept up all day long. This year they returned again and tried to repair the nest, but finally concluded it was not safe and built in the opposite corner of the piazza. Their instinct was true for in a few days the old nest fell. We wonder why they did not tear it down, but perhaps they thought their strength would be better expended in building a new nest in a new place.

The good things of this world are certainly very unequally distributed, and sometimes the weather seems to follow the same lines as fortune, granting some prosperity and dooming others to penury. But this year things are pretty generally mixed, and such extremes have prevailed that results are most disastrous to all. While in some localities the weather is so dry that crops are suffering in a way unusual at this time of year, in others such downfalls of rain have occurred that destruction and death have followed them. If we here in the Genesee Valley could have had part of this rain, in May, the farmers and gardeners would have been thankful and all the people as well; for on the prosperity of the tillers of the soil we all directly or indirectly depend. Man has subdued nature in many ways but the weather still defies him. We sometimes wonder if it will always be beyond his control. Nature is so pitiless. A drought withers the crop; a tornado destroys the home; rushing floods devastate the fields or a blighting frost comes dooming the laborer to disappointment and suffering. And after all the devastation and suffering the sun shines brightly out and nature smiles as if no tragedies had followed in the wake of her vagaries.

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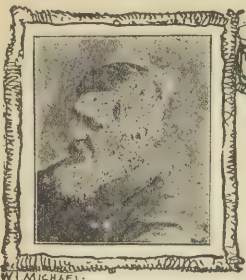
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FRUIT NOTES

By Prof. H. E. VanDeman.

Sod-Mulching an Apple Orchard.

Not long since I visited the orchard of Mr. Grant Hitchings in Onondaga County, N. Y., about which much has been written for the last few years. This orchard is like many others in that State and elsewhere, in grass being allowed to grow solidly all over the surface, but is quite differently treated, in not pasturing or making hay of the grass. It is mowed once or twice about midsummer and nothing whatever is taken off the land, at no time of year, except the apples. It may seem a waste of good forage, to let hay rot on the ground, but it is by no means a loss to the fertility of the orchard, and the resulting fruit crops have proved it.

This orchard is on a north slope, and the clay loam soil is what I would call of medium fertility. There has been no manure of any kind applied, so Mr. Hitchings told me. The trees vary in age from, perhaps, fifty years to those set last spring. The most are about fifteen years set and are now in full bearing and the fruit is abundant and of high grade, as I know from having repeatedly seen it in years past.

That this treatment suits this orchard there is no doubt, but the question may reasonably arise, what will it do generally? No doubt there are other places where it will do equally well, for we have examples of it, but for general practice it would seem to me doubtful. Mr. Hitchings makes no extravagant claims for it nor does he recommend it for general adoption; but he does think it worthy of trial in the new orchards which he has set recently. He has a peach orchard growing under the grass-mulch method, but it is too young to warrant any opinion, good or bad. His young apple and pear orchards look well now. Some are on different slopes and some on flat land, so that there will be a chance to see what they will do under varying conditions in this regard. One thing is certain, that whoever may try the plan of a sod mulch in the orchard must now and then leave on the ground all that is cut. Some of it should be laid under the trees to rot and make an abundance of decayed vegetable matter for the roots to feed upon. But it would seem to me that clean tillage is the better plan where the land is very steep or rocky.

The Pecan.

The grandest nut tree in America,

if not in the world, is the pecan. It grows wild in no other part of the world except in the lower Mississippi Valley, where it has been one of the noblest forest trees, for untold ages. The aborigines used the nuts and the white settlers did the same. For many years the product of the wild trees has been an article of commerce, especially in Texas, Louisiana, and some of the other neighboring States. These wild nuts are generally small, such as are seen in the markets, and of very rich and yet delicate flavor. Although the pecan belongs to the hickory family it is better in quality than the little shellbark or any of the other species. There are some differences between the nuts of different trees and to some extent between those grown in different sections of the country. Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi have the best and largest pecans.

When the early French settlers came to Louisiana, and notably the Huguenots that were so cruelly expatriated from Nova Scotia by the English, they began to select the best pecans and plant them on their home ground. This was the beginning of pecan culture, and although it is yet in its infancy there has been considerable progress made. About twenty years ago a few foresighted people selected from the best varieties that had come down from the early French attempts at improvement, through a century and more of almost neglect, a few that were dignified with varietal names and others they named themselves. At first nuts were planted and the seedlings grown to bearing age; some showing improvement, but the most only deterioration, or about the same characters as their parents.

Budding and grafting the pecan was almost unknown until after that time, as only a few trees had been propagated in this way by the gardeners and planters along the lower Mississippi. The process was found to be slow and difficult, and even now it is not very successful in the hands of most of those who try it. But it can and is being done, and those who persist and set out orchards of the improved kinds and have the patience to wait about ten years for returns from the trees will be well rewarded. It is only in the richest of land that the pecan should be set, and there is no better place than the Yazoo Valley in Mississippi and the alluvial lands along the bayous and streams of Louisiana and Texas. The culture of

this nut is also begun in the richer parts of Alabama, Georgia and Florida with fair success. The deeper, richer, and more alluvial the soil, the better the pecan grows and bears. It only does well where cotton can be grown to profit; and it is a good plan to grow this crop between the pecan trees for the first ten years or so. This is what I am proceeding to do in a large orchard of this nut in the Yazoo country, of which I have the management. The yield of nuts from budded or grafted trees, if the proper varieties have been selected, begins at about seven years old, and increases constantly and continually. There are a few seedling trees of the improved strains that have yielded from five to ten barrels of nuts in a single year. While this is exceptional, it may be reasonably expected that a pecan orchard of the best kinds will be a great source of profit for a century to come.

Our Friend, the Toad.

One of the best friends of the gardener and fruit grower is the humble toad. Its rather forbidding in appearance but I have never thought it repulsive, as some do. On the contrary, it is a very interesting little animal and exceedingly useful. When the heat of the day has passed, we see the toad begin to hop about, his bright eyes peering into every corner, beneath every plant and leaf, for insects that may be hidden there. With one dart of his long tongue the unfortunate bug or larva that has been eating the plants is caught on its slimy end and placed where it will be digested to furnish strength to catch more of its kind. All the evening and night he keeps up his hunt for the enemies of vegetable life, or until his greedy appetite is satisfied, when he retires to some cool, shady retreat until another twilight. I have often caught potato bugs and other harmful insects and put them within reach of the toads that sat snugly in their hiding places, to see how quickly they would be swallowed.

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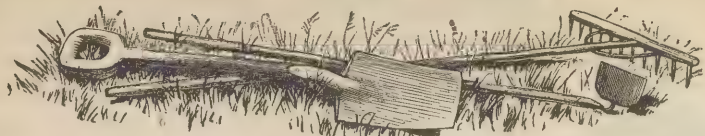
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We sometimes call her Queen of the Summer, and surely enough, with the good things she brings to us; her gifts of fruits and flowers, her treasures from the garden, these all proclaim her a guest to be welcomed right royally. With the lavish gifts bestowed, there are also tributes laid and we often think the duties levied are excessive. The sun grows fiercely hot at times, the rows are long and oh, how the weeds have grown! 'Tis then that cares begin to fly where pleasures should be straying, and sometimes we long for cooler breezes and hazier tints of the autumn days. Well, we are at the summit level now and the down grade will bring those days quickly enough; but lest we reach there empty handed, we must plant and sow and weed and hoe along the way.

What Shall we Plant?

This depends a good deal upon our likes and dislikes; also upon the available space. Most of us like cauliflower for the autumn as also cabbage for then, and the winter store. As they require essentially the same culture, they may be planted out at one and the same time, and side by side, if so desired. The soil should be made rich as possible; in fact, it is hardly possible to give them too much fertilizer as both are gross feeders and always hungry. If the weather is dry, occasional and thorough watering will be of great service especially to the cauliflower. Doubtless, lack of water is responsible for more failures in growing this crop than any other one thing. So be sure that the plants do not suffer for want of it. Frequent stirring of the soil is also essential, and with good culture and plenty of water, a good crop is usually certain. When the white cheese-like heads begin to form well, the plants should be tied up as the hot sun shining directly upon them is ruinous to good development. Gather up the outer leaves, and pulling them up over the heads, tie them in place with a string. To be at their best either for table use or pickling purposes they should be cut as soon as full grown and not allowed to stand until the head begins to separate into small sections as they soon grow woody and tough then. Other than the tying up and cutting as soon as matured, they require no different treatment than cabbage.

Celery.

Nearly all of us enjoy this most wholesome relish, and a small piece of ground, if rightly managed, will

afford an ordinary family a generous supply. If boards are available for blanching, then it need not be set more than twenty inches or two feet between rows, by six to eight inches in the row. If soil is used, then three and one-half to four feet between rows, according to variety, is none too far apart. Where space is limited, a very convenient way of blanching is in beds. The Golden Self Blanching is best for this purpose, but any variety will answer. Set the plants quite closely together, five to eight inches apart will be sufficient. In this way of setting, the plants as they grow, crowd together and the blanching will be very complete. This, of course, allows a large number of plants in small space, and is a very convenient plan for setting where but little ground is available.

Whatever the method employed, however, be sure that the ground is thoroughly enriched, and that there is no lack of water. The celery plant is a gross but shallow feeder, so it requires much fertility near the surface in order to be available, especially while the plants are still young; water, if necessary, for it requires much moisture. Remember that both fertility and moisture are absolutely essential, and that upon these two hang all the law and gospel of successful celery culture.

A Barn Garden.

(See illustration in June issue.)

This is where we used to live: not in the barn of course, but in a cottage close by. We had the barn and strictly speaking, it was not a thing of beauty; and we were anxious to make it a little more attractive, and this is how we did it. At the right hand corner, just outside the drip of the eaves, we planted a tomato vine. Next came a row of Lima beans, following were two or three hills of Japanese cucumbers, and the remaining space was filled with a short row of choice peas. The tomato vine was trained up to a trellis and after severe

pruning and cutting back, it stood, I think, higher than my head, and I am not counted short as to stature. The beans grew to the eaves of the barn, fourteen feet or more, and were not satisfied then, but sprawled about on the roof, and betook themselves in through the cracks. The record of yield was noted down but is not just at hand, but we ate and sold enough that it made a profitable venture.

The cucumbers, with a little assistance, took readily to the trellis and gave us fruits for slicing. Between the hills we planted nasturtiums which, when in flower made a very distinct and pretty contrast against the background of dark green foliage. The row of peas, though short in length was long as to height of vines and afforded a nice lot of seed for future planting.

Now, there were two advantages: First, there was very little space required, and the yield was highly profitable from the dollars and cents side. Second, charity-like the vines covered a multitude of sins in the sense of unsightly spots. It was indeed an inspiring and refreshing view to see the unsightly barn-side covered with its mantle of green. In our new home there will be plenty of such waste places to make glad, but we fear they will not all blossom this year. We shall try hard, however, to utilize and make some of them profitable.

Root Crops.

The following list ought to be sufficiently large to tickle all our palates, and any of them may be successfully planted in nearly all northern localities this month. The half long sorts of carrots will be best for table use and if there is danger of sowing too late for them to mature, then sow some of the earlier sorts. Swedes or ruta бага, turnips, beets and winter radishes are all safely sown now. Some of the earlier crops are coming off at this season of the year, and the ground is far better if kept busy.

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What Next?

It is astonishing how many things one finds to do now, even in a small garden. By this time, many of the vegetables have grown to such size that hoeing them becomes difficult and sometimes detrimental. But the weeds never take a vacation and are ever keen and on the alert to take advantage of the situation. So to carry the crops through to maturity and still keep the weeds in check is no small task. There is one consolation, however, that one or two years of careful culture saves much future trouble. It is perfectly astounding to see how the weeds will grow, and often very discouraging withal to see how the ground, apparently perfectly clean today, will in a few days, be completely overrun. But here comes the encouraging thought, that after a time, if kept well under check and not allowed to go to seed, the old stock stored up in the ground will become exhausted, and far less troublesome. Well, the weeds we have always with us, and one of the things to do is to uproot and destroy them, and this seems an ever present duty. The above is not thrown out to discourage but rather encourage, for there is always a satisfaction in victories won. Now there will be no lack of "next" things to do, for this month is the time to prepare for the duties of August, and the better the preparation, the lighter and pleasanter will be the work in the future.

Strawberries.

We desire to say a few words for the strawberries, as they should have a place in every garden. Those of us who have them, and I sincerely wish we all possessed a bed, have seen them do their part nobly in furnishing the table delicacies. But now the beds come out of the bearing season thoroughly exhausted and require rest and

generous feeding and careful tending, in order to prepare for the next season's duties. Cut off the vines and burn the bed over. See that the ground is thoroughly worked and all weeds destroyed. A little later on, they will be forming their fruit crowns for next season, so they should be highly fertilized. Wood ashes are valuable and there is nothing better than stable manure; but at all events, feed them bountifully with some kind of fertilizer as they will abundantly repay the outlay in next season's crop.

If there are no strawberries growing now, prepare some ground, and, by all means, do not let August go by without starting a bed. So the above are also some of the "next" things to do, and let us all be sure that they are not neglected.

The Best Crop of All.

We have a good many crops growing: fruit of many kinds, garden vegetables, flowers and field crops. They promise much, and we look hopefully forward to the harvest. However, the crop prized far above all others, and the one about which we are chiefly concerned is the crop of girls. There are two of them; alike and still unlike; and through their care and training we are learning many valuable lessons. They had been told that from one of our hill tops, they could see the lights of their old home city in the evening. They were anxious for the sight, and, asked me to go with them one night, so taking them by the hand I led them up to the view point, and together we watched the first glow of the electric lights in the city twenty-five miles distant. Out here, everything was new and strange, and they had pleasant memories of the old home, and I feared they had grown homesick and longed to return. While watching the glow, I asked them if they were tired of the new home, and desired to return to the city, and they both replied "No, not to stay." We think it far better for them here, for they are living closer to Nature and daily learning from her pages what, in their old home, would have always been a sealed book. Their faces grow brown and their bare feet often get a sorry jab from an unseen pebble or thorn. Sometimes, too, they get pretty badly soiled by the mud which in their haste, or maybe through choice, they fail to dodge. A few words of sympathy or a caress from mamma soon soothes the hurts and bruises and a basin of water removes the mud stains, and headlong they go again on some other exploit bent. Well, we are striving to strike an average between the studies, play and work, so

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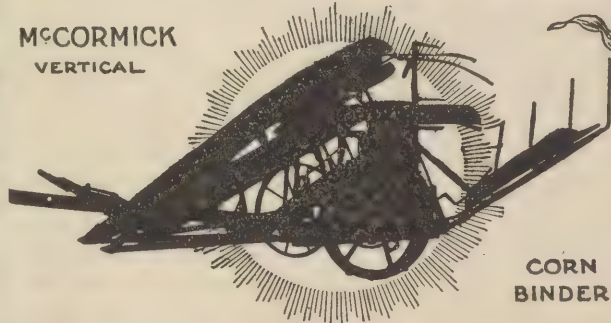
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Midsummer Poultry Notes.

Fowls and filth do not thrive well together, but lice and filth do nicely, so keep the quarters clean.

It is about time to begin preparing some place for the young birds that are coming on. It will not be best to crowd them in with the old stock, and it is better not to allow them to go on a roost while young. Do not allow too many of them to get in together, for if so they are sure to suffer these hot nights.

If the chickens do not have free range so they can get green stuff themselves, you should supply them daily with at least a little of some kind. Chicks or old birds can not keep in good health running on bare ground in warm weather, and no green food furnished to them. Lettuce is excellent for both old and young stock, and cabbage leaves; in fact almost any thing that is green will be better than nothing.

It is not always the one whose hens lay the most eggs, that makes the greatest profit. The cost of producing the eggs has much to do with the net gain. The one who keeps quite a large number of hens and sells the eggs at market price must look out and buy grain and other food supplies so as to get them at the lowest possible figures. Even if the hens don't produce 200 eggs each per year, there may be made a good fair profit. Fanciers who raise and sell high class stock and get \$2.00 to \$4.00 per sitting for eggs, and as much for single birds, do not need to count the cost of production and keeping so closely, as the price secured will cover this expense, even if pretty high, and then leave a nice profit.

Working on the theory that the "more feed the more eggs," will surely bring about bad results sooner or later. When the fowls have range—exercise—and are at that time producing eggs there is less liability of over fatness. I do not think I am wrong when I say that there are comparatively few persons who know when a hen is over fat, or that know when the fowls are in the proper condition to produce eggs. Undoubtedly there are a great many hens in the country that are fed too much for the amount of exercise they have, yarded fowls in particular. But too much feed is not the one cause of the hens being fat, its too much of one kind of feed, not enough of a variety. We know very well that a variety of food will fatten, but before they become fat they are likely to begin laying and this has a tendency to reduce the fat.

At moulting time, an observing poultryman should be able to learn

something as to the laying qualities of his hens. There are not very many hens but what look vigorous and lay well in the spring, but only persistent layers will produce eggs during the moulting period. Some hens will stop laying several weeks before they commence to moult, others will be a long time getting through with the process and be very late in the season with only pin feathers on them. In many instances this condition shows lack of vigor, and such birds will not be likely to make any thing like a good egg record for the year. While I would not advise feeding hens during the moult, with a view of inducing egg production, I see no reason why any harm should come to a hen should she continue to lay during the period. It would look to me as though she had a strong vigorous constitution, and if properly fed and cared for would bring credit to herself on the egg sheet. At any rate she would be one of my choice to keep over for next year.

Questions and Answers.

Linseed Oil Meal.—How much linseed meal should be given to fifty hens? About one quart per week given in soft feed.

Charcoal for Fowls.—How should charcoal be fed to hens and which is the best kind? It may be given in the mash or placed in a dish the same as grit and shell. Vegetable charcoal, made by charring ears of corn, is the best.

Young Turkeys Sick.—When about one month old their knee joints swell up, feet turn out and they soon lose use of their legs. There are two causes for the above trouble. One is from being out in the wet grass or sleeping on damp ground. The other is from over feeding. Keep them on a dry floor with plenty of litter on it; feed only soft food and in limited quantities. In leg weakness there is very little if any pains, but if it is of rheumatic nature they will show some pain.

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How do you feed your hens to get them to lay so many eggs? a farmer asked a merchant a few days ago, who lives in a village, near here. The storekeeper replied, that there was no secret about it, that in the first place he kept laying hens. Well, the farmer said that was what he supposed he had, but he guessed he was mistaken, for he had kept about 200 hens all winter and had hardly got eggs enough to use in his family, not over a dozen a week up to the 15th of February. The small poultry keeper informed his enquirer that the ten hens he kept had been selected with great care for egg production; but that the food did not differ from the ordinary rations for laying hens, which consisted of scraps from the table, making nearly one half of the daily allowance, oats, corn and wheat of about equal parts by measure for morning feed, except on very cold mornings when a mash was given. This grain was well scattered in the litter, which was of rye straw nearly a foot deep on the floor. At noon a small amount of grain and green food, in the shape of mangels or cabbage, and a few table scraps. Three nights of the week a mash made of cut clover, bran, middlings and corn meal occasionally some green cut bone; the latter is fed three times a week in some shape. The space in which they are confined is rather small for the eleven head of fowls, being only six by ten feet, which was made out of a shed on the east side of a barn, with a window on the south side.

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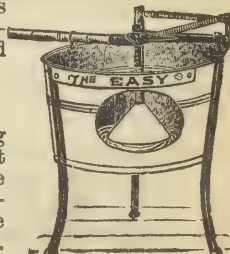
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A Case of Roup.

Our hens began to lay in October, and we received the impression that we should soon occupy a prominent place among the successful poultry people of the country; but trouble was already on our trail. First, Mrs. G, having made a pet of one of the hens, fed her so well that we found her dead on the nest one morning. This was a great shock, and poor Wifey shed tears over the event. Then, one day I noticed the Countess going about with apparently only one eye. (I forgot to say that we gave names to all our hens, for the sake of ready reference.)

"I'll bet fifteen cents," said I, "that old Ragged Tail has picked the Countess' eye out. The old villain. I'll wring her neck."

"Why, I never heard of such a thing as one hen picking another hen's eye out," exclaimed Mrs. G., in amazement.

"Plenty of things you haven't heard of yet," I replied. "What's to hinder it. At any rate, the hen's eye is gone, and how else could she lose it. Old Ragged Tail is a regular fiend."

"I don't believe the Countess' is gone," maintained my betterhalf. "It's simply swollen shut."

To settle the question, I went into the yard, and after a hard chase caught the Countess and brought her in. Together we examined her eye, and while I was confirmed in my opinion that the sight was gone, Wifey was equally certain that the eye was merely swelled shut.

The next morning the Countess was walking about, breathing very hard, and continually working her mouth as if she were trying to swallow something. She moped all day. Meanwhile I was busy searching the Poultry Book, looking for "Diseases and Remedies."

"As near as I can diagnose the Countess' case," said I closing the book, "she has the Roup, for which they say there is no cure. Guess we'd better get rid of her at once."

"I wouldn't be in a hurry about

getting rid of her," replied Mrs. G. "Can't we give her something—some medicine?"

"What medicine?"

"Anything that is ordinarily used for colds and sore throats. Kerosene, fat pork, Trask's Ointment, etc., and keep her in a warm place."

I accepted the counsel, put the Countess in an empty packing box and placed her on top of the cellar furnace. I next took a piece of fat pork about the size of a filbert, tied a string around it, and swabbed out the Countess' throat. I also rubbed her head and neck with kerosene, administered some internally, applied some of the ointment, and finally set her up in her box. "We'll make her as comfortable as we can," I remarked, "but I guess her days are numbered. Plague take the hens anyway. Wonder what make's them play up like this."

The Countess had a bad night of it. We could hear her distressed breathing, punctuated at regular intervals with a loud "Tchuck." She was better by the next evening, and on the day following was breathing naturally and scratching in the box in quest of food. In a few more days she was as well as ever.

"Well Wifey," I declared jubilantly, "we cured the Countess all right. A pest on these dough-heads that make Poultry Books and say that roup can't be cured. By the way, I see that the Countess has her eye back again."

"Yes," laughed Mrs. G, "I understand Ragged Tail returned it after hearing your threat."

Guggenheimer.

P. S.—Neighbor Hawes, who thinks he knows more about hens than we do (and probably does), says the Countess didn't have the roup at all, but that it was only a case of bad cold.

BOOK NOTICES.

The Farmer's Business Handbook. By Professor Isaac Roberts. This "manual of simple farm accounts and of brief advice on rural law," is intended to meet the wants and requirements of the average farmer. Part I. emphasizes the reasons why the farmer should keep accounts and gives instructions in the best way of keeping them. Part II. is devoted to rural law, and Part III. gives inventories from the census, a brief summary of government statistics relating to the agricultural products and wealth of the country in tables convenient for ready reference. The book is admirably adapted to the wants of farmers and should have a large sale. The Macmillan Company, New York. Price \$1.00 net.

The New Onion Culture. By T. Greiner. The first edition of the New Onion Culture was published in 1891, since which time several editions have been issued. To meet the continued demand, Mr. Greiner has rewritten and greatly enlarged the work, making it a complete guide in growing onions for profit. It is claimed that well-grown Pritzaker and Gibraltar onions raised by this method cannot be distinguished from the imported ones. The book is cloth bound, illus-

trated, and contains about 150 pages, 5x7 inches. Orange Judd Company, New York. Price 50 cents, postpaid.

"**Shall Potato Growers Spray?**" is the question asked and answered by Bulletin No. 221 of the State Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva, N. Y. The ravages of potato blight and rot during the past season must certainly have convinced growers that they should use some preventive against potato diseases, if any cheap and effective one is to be had. The figures given in the bulletin prove very clearly that Bordeaux mixture is such a preventive and that it is always profitable, sometimes very profitable to use it. Anyone can secure the bulletin on request.

The Nature Study Idea. By Professor L. H. Bailey. The term "Nature study" as commonly used, has been made to cover such a variety of topics and methods of teaching them, that this book is not only timely, but meets a growing demand for information on these lines. Being one of the most prominent and earnest advocates of the movement, full of enthusiasm, and wielding a ready pen, Professor Bailey is eminently fitted to not only produce a readable, but a very suggestive and practical book. No teacher, particularly in the common and the country schools, can fail to profit by it, whether Nature study is included in the subjects assigned to her or not. The following extracts—we wish we had room for more—give some of Professor Bailey's ideas on the subject.

"Nature study designates the movement originating in the common schools to open the pupil's mind by direct observation to a knowledge and love of the common things in the child's environment. * * Nature study is not knowledge. It is not facts. It is spirit. It is concerned with the child's outlook on the world. * * It is putting the child into intimate and sympathetic contact with the things of the external world. Whatever the method, the final result of Nature study teaching is the development of a keen personal interest in every natural object and phenomenon. * * Nature study not only educates but it educates natureward; and nature is ever our companion, whether we will or no. * * Nature love tends towards naturalness and towards simplicity of living. It tends countryward. One word from the fields is worth two from the city. 'God made the country.' The personality of the teacher must always stand out strongly. We need the very best of teachers for nature study work—those who have the greatest personal enthusiasm. * * Be sure that the teacher has enthusiasm and human sympathy as well as knowledge. * * My own love of nature was given direction and purpose by a teacher who knew very little about nature, but she knew how to touch a boy's heart." Doubleday, Page and Company, New York. Price \$1.00 net.

How to Make School Gardens. By H. D. Hemmaway. School gardens are an old and very popular institution in Europe, where there are more than 100,000. France has over 28,000 and in Russia and several other countries no school can receive state funds unless a garden is connected with it. The school-garden movement is comparatively new in America, but the idea is making rapid progress and more gardens are being established every year. The little book named above begins at the foundation and gives practical advice on how to lay out a school-garden, how to prepare and fertilize the land, and also gives lessons in garden and greenhouse work. The lessons are truly practical and will be of great service to teachers beginning garden work. We cannot forbear calling attention to the misspelling of Plantain. Surely there is no good authority for spelling it Plantin. Doubleday, Page & Company, New York. Price \$1.00 net.

Spraying Crops—Why, When and How. By Clarence M. Weed. Now that spraying has become a necessity, directions for using sprayers to the best advantage, as well as formulas for preparation of mixtures adapted to different trees and plants also become a necessity. That there is a demand for such information is apparent by the issuing of a fourth edition of the above-named book, revised and brought up to date. In compact form is given the most trustworthy information on all points connected with spraying large fruits, small fruits and nursery stock, shade trees, ornamental plants and flowers, vegetables, field crops and domestic animals. The book is indispensable to the farmer, the fruit-grower, the gardener, in fact, to everyone who cultivates fruits and plants or has a garden. Orange Judd Company, New York. Price, cloth, Fifty cents.

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Helps and Hints

Floors in Summer.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

It is not only more comfortable but more healthful to live on bare floors than on carpets in summer.

If the floors are of hard wood it is best to oil and polish them. If they are of soft wood but smooth, they may be stained to represent hard wood, and if they are not suitable for either stain or oil, they may be painted. A painted floor need not show the vivid yellow that haunts our memory whenever we hark back to childhood's days and the visits to old nurse Billings, but may be as artistic as any part of the room if care is taken to select good colors.

A pretty color for a bedroom floor is pale green. The room should be furnished and decorated with pink and green for the leading colors. A few rugs of gray and shades of green harmonize with the floor. A reddish tan color is sometimes used for a dining room floor and has the advantage of not showing dust. A floor stain to look like cherry is made of two packages of orange, one of cardinal, and one-half of blue for cotton (the dye only) diamond dye dissolved in two quarts of boiling water. Let it cool, then try on a piece of board and reduce until it is light enough to stain evenly. It is better to go over the floor twice with a weaker dye than to try it so strong as to get it uneven. Do not use soap in washing a painted or stained floor. Simply mopping the floor with clear water in which has been dissolved a little borax will keep it in good condition.

Sometimes the stain is dissolved in a little alcohol and mixed with oil, instead of using water and then oiling the floor afterward. R. E. M.

A Hammock Screen.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Although a hammock on a vine-covered veranda or under shady trees is an ideal place to rest in summer, there are times when flies or mosquitoes do their best to make the occupant uncomfortable, and for such times a protection in the form of a screen has been devised. Plain white mosquito netting, or, if something nicer is desired, white bobbinet, is selected for the screen.

Two barrel hoops are opened and covered with plain cloth then fastened to the stretchers at each end of the hammock so as to form an arch above each end. The screen is cut long enough to reach from one arch to the other, allowing a portion at each end to be gathered together at the back of the arches. The screen is wide enough to allow a four-inch hem at each side and hang a foot below the edge of the hammock when the ends are adjusted over the arches. A hem in the ends allows a string to be run through for gathering the screen.

If one wants the screen to be as dainty as possible select the bobbinet which costs only twenty-five cents per yard for the fifty-four inch width, and fasten the hem with a coral stitching of Asiatic twisted embroidery silk in any color to harmonize with the hammock and furnishings. A bow of ribbon of the same color may be placed over the gathering at each end. These screens keep out the troublesome flies and mosquitoes and allow one to read or sleep in comfort. When they become soiled they can be washed in cool suds of pearline and soft water and dried in the shade. No boiling is necessary and the silk will not be faded by this method. If no soft water is at hand use a little borax to soften the hard water.

If there is any objection to the gathered screen at the head of the hammock on account of its keeping out the breeze, the arch can be covered with plain net and the end of the screen tacked to the hoop with a few long stitches. The screen will then be raised and lowered at the other arch. R. E. M.

Suet in Dressing.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Beef suet, chopped fine as for suet pudding, is a good substitute for butter in dressing for turkeys or other roast meats. Aside from the economy of it, this flavor, peculiarly its own, is very appetizing and many prefer it to butter. It makes a pleasing change at any rate.

Dressing made as for roast meats, and baked in a buttered pan is a good dish of itself, using up dry bread and adding one more wholesome dish to the menu. Suet is especially fine for such dressing and in a measure takes the place of meat.

Gazelle Stevens Sharp.

A Good Complexion.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Beautiful women have exercised a vast influence over the destinies of the world, hence the desire for beauty is almost universal. All women can not have regular features, but a little judicious care would enable many of them to look much better than they do. A clear complexion is the result of a good digestion and cleanliness, for all the skin wants is to be allowed to act and it will take care of itself. Frequent and thorough bathing pays in comfort and improved appearance, for any inconvenience it may cause. Few women are strong enough to endure a cold bath without injury, but a bath in luke warm water every evening just before retiring, is very beneficial. It is well to use a flesh brush and afterward rinse well and rub briskly with a pair of coarse toilet gloves. Every part of the body should be rubbed until it is in a glow.

One of the most useful articles for the toilet is a box or jar of powdered borax, and one who has learned its value will never be without it. A teaspoonful dissolved in half a gallon of water cleanses the pores of the skin, and very little soap is needed. A tablespoonful in the water used for bathing gives one a delightful sense of cleanliness that is healthful and pleasant. Hard water should not be used for toilet purposes without the addition of borax which makes it as soft as rain water.

The use of rouge and powder is injurious to the complexion, clogging the pores of the skin, causing blackheads and a dull sallow look that is far from pleasing. Many of the face powders contain bismuth, which injures the nerve centers when constantly employed, and has been known to cause serious results. An abundance of fresh air and exercise is necessary for health and beauty. They bring light to the eye and color to the cheeks. Adopt a plain, simple diet without much cake or pastry if

you are striving for a clear complexion and good digestion. E. J. C.

Use of Cream.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

In warm weather the appetite sometimes becomes so capricious that the cook is in despair of finding anything to tempt it, and so while the weak ones are eating daintily, a bite here and a morsel there, the flesh is gradually diminishing and the strength failing.

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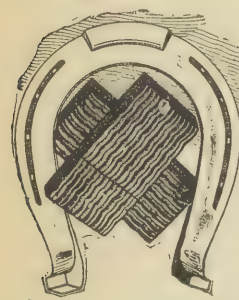
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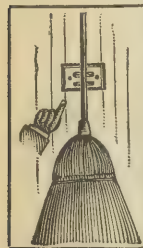
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The Poppy Path.

Miss Colby was very fond of her garden with its gravel walks. While she felt kindly toward children, she did not always like to have them enter her garden, certainly not unless she herself were there.

"There comes Sadie Pimer across her father's potato field!" she said one day as she stood in her door. "There never was such a child for flowers, and I can't help liking her, but I'd best be out working when she gets here."

So Miss Colby put on her garden hat, and was very busy tying up her sweet peas.

The pale purple asters were in full bloom, and Sadie bent over to smell of them.

"Don't break them!" said Miss Colby. "They are for seed. You see I've tied purple yarn on them."

"Oh, what a nice way!" said Sadie. "What are those things with the red yarn tied on them?"

"Poppies," replied Miss Colby. "The leaves fell off long ago, and the seeds are about ripe. I'll gather them now."

So she carefully pulled off all the heads that had red yarn tied under them.

"There are ever so many more left," said Sadie, touching the dry heads and making the little seeds rattle inside.

"You may have those if you want them," said Miss Colby. "I will give you a paper bag."

Sadie gathered all the brown heads that were left, and the seeds rattled out of them into the bag when she shook it.

"I shall have hundreds and hundreds of red poppies next summer in my yard!" she exclaimed joyously, dancing off down the path. "I'm going to tell mamma, and I thank you."

So out of the yard she went, and began to cross the potato field, shaking the bag to make the seeds rattle, never dreaming there was a little slit of a hole down in one corner.

Suddenly she saw some potato bugs, and darted off on one side, making a wide circuit; for she had a horror of potato bugs. Then she came to a rock, and jumped over it, and then she ran straight home.

"Seems to me there are not many seeds," said her mother, when she looked into the bag. "The heads are all empty. Oh, Sadie, here's a hole! Your seeds have all run out!"

Sadie almost cried, but she set her lips tight and bore it. If Miss Colby had known she would have given her more seeds, but Sadie did not like to tell her.

When the potatoes were dug Mr. Pimer evened off the ground and sowed it to grass. He was going to have a mowing lot the next summer, he said. But what do you suppose happened? It turned out to be the prettiest mowing lot you ever saw. As the grass grew up something else grew

up with it, but nobody noticed till a little before haying time, when all of a sudden poppies began to bloom. They bloomed along in a line from Mr. Pimer's fence to the foot of a rock, where they rioted in a big clump. Then they ran off in a wide half-circle, and then proceeded straight to Miss Colby's back gate.

"That is Sadie's poppy path!" said Mrs. Pimer.

"They shan't be mowed down," said Mr. Pimer.

And all the rest of the summer, whenever Sadie could think of an errand to take her to Miss Colby's she walked by the poppy path, and was so happy that I think you may say you never saw such a happy little girl.—*Mary L. B. Branch, in the Youth's Companion.*

In Midsummer.

In the sultry summer weather,
In the garden bed,
Bloomed three brilliant poppy blossoms,
Rich, and rare and red;
Nodding, nodding, to and fro,
In a sleepy scarlet row.

Came three little laughing maidens—
Madge and Maude and May—
Tripping through the fragrant garden
On that sunny day;
Bright eyes, black and brown and blue,
Big sunbonnets, neat and new.

Each one picked a sleepy poppy,
Rent its petals back,
Tied a blade of grass around them
With a dainty knack,
Here a pat and there a shake,
Till, all smiles and wide awake.

Lo, there stood three poppy ladies,
Each in silken gown,
Frill of lace and sash of satin,
And a tiny crown,
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Horticulture at St. Louis

The Horticulture Building stands on Skinker Hill, 250 feet south of the Agriculture Building. The structure is in the shape of a Greek cross with a center pavilion and two wings. The center pavilion is 400 feet square; the wings are each 204 feet by 230 feet. They are divided from the center pavilion by glass partitions and the floor of each is 9 feet lower than that of the center pavilion. This difference in elevation produces a monumental effect, which is further heightened by the use in the main entrance on the north front of two towers about 150 feet high.

The eastern wing of the building will be almost entirely of glass and will be used as a conservatory. A hot water heating plant is to be installed in the cellar of this wing and the pipes are to be led throughout the wing. The specifications provide that this wing shall be made airtight. It is the intention to force plants here during the winter and spring preceding the opening of the Exposition for use in landscape and bedding work about the grounds. The heat will also have the effect of saving some of the valuable plants sent for exhibition from the cold, which comes during the late autumn immediately after the closing of the Exposition. The glass sides allow the admission of the sun throughout the day. In this wing will be shown specimens of plant cultures grown in different countries for use and ornament, and the forced culture of vegetables and fruits.

The west wing of the building will be used for general horticultural exhibits. In the basement cold storage will be provided for fruit to be exhibited in the building, and for this reason the cellar has double walls packed with sawdust. In the basement there will also be an unpacking room which will keep the shipping debris out of sight. Three sides of this wing will have galleries, two of which will be used as restaurants. Tables will be set here so that the visitors may observe the exhibits below while taking luncheon. The gallery is easily accessible by stairs from the center pavilion and from the main floor. The southern gallery will be used as offices for the working force of the Department of Horticulture.

The center pavilion will contain the pomological exhibits; including, ac-

ording to the classification, pomeaceous and stone fruits, such as apples, peaches, nectarines, etc.; citrus fruits, such as oranges, lemons, limes, etc.; tropical and sub-tropical fruits, such as pineapples, bananas, olives, figs, etc.; small fruits, such as strawberries, gooseberries, etc.; and nuts.

The construction of the building shows no change from the accepted method of the other buildings. The exhibit spaces are covered by trusses, which range in span from 72 feet over the center aisle to 48 feet over the side aisles.

The space between the Horticulture and Agriculture buildings will be laid out in a highly ornate garden in which exhibiting florists and nurserymen will maintain beds.

Black-Berrying.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

The meadows were sweet with the morning dew,
And the birds were blithe and gay,

"I think I must promise, if I would go home,
You have such a masterful way."
Then I laughingly said, as I clasped my own,
"With a kiss we will seal our doom."
And with happy hearts on that morning fair,
We carried our berries home.

Mary Ella Lawrence.

An Indignation Meeting.

(Written for Vicks Family Magazine.)

Did you ever go out upon the camp ground after a big camp meeting to indulge in a reverie? Well, such a place furnished me the theme for this article. The cabins were destitute of occupants and the rude benches deserted when I seated myself beneath an old oak to ruminate.

In a short time my attention was attracted by the caw of a crow, which was immediately followed by the twittering of birds, barking of squirrels, buzzing of insects, and the hissing of serpents. I listened with much interest, wondering what the denizens of the forest intended to do. It was soon evident that something had disturbed these creatures, for their commingled voices produced a prodigious turmoil.

At length the shrill scream of a hawk arrested attention and the object of the meeting was declared. The assembly had been called to denounce

ations of the very God whom they professed to worship. Cruelty to the inferior beings that the Creator has made seemed to be encouraged rather than checked.

We are apt to forget that life is as sweet to the groveling worm as to us, and that it should be as free to live as we, so long as it does no harm to mankind. It is not strange that animals prey upon each other with savage delight, when man takes pleasure in torturing the creatures which God has placed under his dominion.

F. A. BYERLY.

How She Peeled the Onions.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

A "nice young lady" shows nicer in any circumstances for having a common sense education at home. If any girls still suppose that they cannot peel onions without shedding tears, they can learn something from our cook's account of the young lady who helped make clam chowder. A fashionable yachting party were setting off for a summer picnic, and according to our servant's story the said girl of "sweet sixteen" came on board as pretty as a daisy, and as bright and fresh as an elegant get-up could make her. There was a chattering aft, on the yacht, what they would have for dinner, and it was agreed, for fun, that as it was chowder, each one was to do something towards the same.

"You have got to peel and chop up those onions," said a dandy kind of a fellow to the pretty girl.

"Agreed," said she, not wincing a bit, and they all laughed and pitied her. When the time came for fixing up things, kind of urged to it, our cook says, she brought that pretty girl a peck of the fiercest onions—real, red-skin ones—you ever smelled.

"There is going to be a lot of crying," thought our narrator, and all the rest,—and some mentally added,—"If that would be the only sorrow in her life."

Said she to a friend, "Mr. Robert, do you hand me a bucket of water;" and that individual did it with alacrity. "Now," said she, "just you put those onions in that water;" and he did it. Then she took off her fingers a lot of fine rings—those fingers so smooth and shapely—and put the jewelry in her pocket, and coolly asked for a knife, and the onions being in the water, she peeled and sliced them under water, and as our cook expresses it, "nary a tear came, nor nothing."

And that's the way our servant learned how to peel onions and not cry over them.

G. B. G.



HORTICULTURAL BUILDING ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR.

And buttercups, daisies, and violets blue,
Were scattered upon our way,
As we climb the mountain so steep and grand,
My beautiful love, and I,
And were swinging our baskets hand in hand,
With neither a care, nor sigh.

While the sun's bright rays from the eastern sky
Were kissing my love so fair,
And the breezes soft from the mountains high
Were tossing her golden hair;
As the love-light shone from her sweet, blue eyes,
I thought it a heavenly treat
To gaze on the picture my true heart made
As we picked the berries sweet.

Then gathering silently one by one,
How swiftly our fingers flew,
Until with a mischievous smile she said,
"I am getting more than you."
But I only laughed as I gently clasped
Her two little hands in mine,
And seated her down on a grassy mound
In the shade of a friendly pine.

Then tenderly watching the blushes faint,
That played on her soft, round cheek,
I whispered that old, old tale, so new,
The poem that lovers speak.
I eagerly told her what life would be
With her ever near my side,
To guard, and to love all my whole life through,
My own little blue-eyed bride.

Her fairy-like fingers were trembling still,
As she shyly tried to rise,
"We must carry the berries home," she said,
"For grandma to make the pies."
"Grandma shall have her berries, dear heart,
And we will all eat our fill.
But promise my dearest, no more to part,
Before we go down the hill."
Then merrily lifting her down cast face,
As sweet as the flowers in May,

the "Lords of creation" for the invasion of their woodland home. I was in such a position that I could hear the expressions of wrath uttered against my fellow beings. So far as I could comprehend the language of these angry creatures, they were bent on having revenge upon mankind.

The birds complained of having their nests robbed and their young destroyed. The squirrels said they were chased into close quarters and tormented when they dared reveal themselves. The insects and serpents vowed they were maimed and slain without mercy; yea, that it afforded those ruthless invaders delight to torment the creatures of the forest.

Amidst angry declamations a resolution was passed calling for more energetic work in devastating the fields, robbing the orchards, and annoying the human race in every possible manner.

These creatures had much cause for complaint, for the persons who attended the camp meeting either thoughtlessly or maliciously destroyed the cre-

The Heart of the Hills.

There's a wonderful country, lying
Far off from the noisy town,
Where the wind flower swings,
And the veery sings,
And the tumbling brooks come down;—
'Tis a land of light and of laughter,
Where peace all the woodland fills:
'Tis the land that lies
'Neath the summer skies
In the heart of the happy hills.

The road to that wonderful country
Leads out from the gates of care;
And the tired feet
In the dusty street
Are longing to enter there;
And a voice from that land is calling
In the rush of a thousand rills,—
"Come away, away,
To the woods today,
To the heart of the happy hills."

Far away in that wonderful country,
Where the skies are always blue,
In the shadows cool,
By the foaming pool,
We may put on strength anew;
We may drink from the magic fountains
Where the wine of life distills;
And never a care
Shall find us there,
In the heart of the happy hills.

—Boston Transcript.

The Love That Lives.

He wondered if she still cared. He had gone West ten years ago because he was too poor to offer her anything he thought it worth a woman's while to accept. He had learned to live without a thought of her. Now he was at home on business. He had run down to the beach for a breath of sweet salt air.

He was watching her as she, all unconscious of his presence, quietly ate her supper in a corner of the dining room farthest from him. It had been a long time since he had thought of her, yet she came back naturally enough to her place now that he sat there looking at her.

There was a bowl of loose, freshly cut roses and gardenias on her table. The sea breeze brought him little whiffs of their fragrance. He remembered her love for them. Three other women sat at the table with her. He knew they were there, but he saw only her.

She laughed now and then, and he watched for the sparkle in her eyes, the dimple in her cheek and the gleam of her milk-white teeth. Each of her many charms was intensified. She had ripened up beautifully. He missed a certain, soft, pretty shyness that used to fold her away from him as its mossy calyx screens a rosebud. It was this little barricade of reserve that had kept him silent and at a distance in the old days. It was gone now. He felt that she would understand at once how it was with him.

The simple old life had been good for her, he thought. While he had been toiling and delving, wasting his youth, almost losing his soul, she had been living quietly at home in the old house up in the city, coming out in the old way each summer for a month by the sea. He felt resentful and ill used. For he might have been with her. Instead of the gold he had heaping up he might have had her.

The dainty supper cooled before him. The waiter behind his chair fidgeted and asked questions, anxiously. People glanced curiously at the big, sunburnt, queer-mannered man from the West. A party of young people behind him laughed and talked merrily. The four women at the table in the corner chatted pleasantly. There was all the cheerful hotel dining room clatter. But he saw only one face, with its crown of dusky hair and eyes of blue; heard only one low, clear voice.

He felt injured when he saw how quietly content she was. There was no shadow of regret in her eyes, no line of grief on her face. She must feel very sure of him, certainly; very positive that he would come for her some day! And yet he had said no word of all this when he went away. He thought that she ought to know intuitively that he was near her. He had heard of such things. But she smiled brightly into the face of one of the other women,

He got up and went out of doors. He was used to plenty of air. The place was stifling. He wondered what she would say when she saw him. He ought to have written, of course. But then—why, well he hadn't written. His sunburnt face flushed hotly.

The sun was setting. The lilac walk was quite dim now. It lay under the dining room windows and her table was near the last one; so he drifted that way. He could hear her laughing. How prettily she did it. He remembered that most women laugh shrilly. Now he could see her. She was standing up, the bowl of flowers in her hand. "I think I shall give each one of you part of my flowers. Charlie sent them out to me. He must love me very dearly, don't you think?" And again she laughed softly.

The man outside the window held his chin in one hand, reflectively, took his under lip between his teeth and walked slowly to the end of the path. "Charlie," he said, wonderingly.

A friendly handicap on his shoulder roused him. "Dick Allen, home from the West, as I live! I thought I knew the turn of that shoulder in the dining room."

"Yes. Beastly place."

"The West?"

"The dining room."

"When you aren't hungry, yes. Well, well, old man, this a treat. I am amazingly glad to see you."

"Thanks—eh—Osborn! Yes, you are Osborn."

"The same—Charlie Osborn, at your service, sir. Dick, you are gazing dejectedly upon the happiest man in the world!"

"Inherited a fortune?"

"Why, man alive, I'm getting married to-night. Swell affair at old St. John's, over town, you know. Party out for a last seaside frolic and all that. Going in on a special train, you know. Join us, old man; come in at the eleventh hour, as it were, and share the fun."

The man from the West brightened. "Why, certainly. Fact is, you know, Osborn, I've come home on a similar errand." And the two shook hands warmly.

"Sly old dog! Well, a fellow feeling and that, you know. Stay at home, will you?"

"Don't know. You live in the old town?"

"No place like it. Bought the old Jasper place and remodeled the house. Fine property. Bought it for Katherine's sake. She is very fond of it." He spoke with a sort of glow in his voice. He was large and fair, with a tender heart that looked out at his laughing eyes.

The other man suddenly stiffened. "The old Jasper place?" he replied.

"On the corner of Spruce and Poplar—across from the park, you know. We are coming back after a short Northern trip." He laughed softly. There was no sympathy in his friend's sunburnt face. But the light was dim in the lilac walk.

"You are marrying Katherine Jasper?" The man from the West stood with his back to the light.

"Why, to be sure! I thought I told you. Prettiest woman I ever saw. I'm surprised that she'd look at me. Remember her, don't you?"

"Yes, I am stupid—see you later, Charlie," and he turned sharply away, followed by a long, low whistle that maddened him. He was glad that Charlie had not called her by her pet name, the pretty caressing little name that he loved.

He went down to the sea and walked up and down the beach while the little waves whispered and died at his feet. After long hours the moon rose from the ruddy waters. He heard a late train come out from town. It would be going back after a while. He might as well take it and catch an early express and get back to the West and the comfortable forgetfulness from which he had come to this bitter disappointment.

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He hurried back to the hotel, found a sleepy porter and sent his baggage to the station, paid his bill, shook himself and turned his face to the West. He had choice between the wide-bricked walk to the front gate and the sandy path that was bordered by lilacs as it wound around the old house and through the garden to a little tumble-down gate half way to the station. He hesitated and chose the path. The garden was damp and tangled and sweet. Moonlight, white and clear, bathed it in unearthly glory.

Before him he saw the gleam of a white dress. A woman met him. He

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held out his hand. His blood danced wildly, and he was used to having it flow steadily. "I—thought you were in town," he said, a curious ring in his voice.

"I was," she answered simply, showing no surprise at his manner of greeting her. "I returned on the last train. The others are sleeping in town. There was a wreck and the wedding trip can't begin till morning. Weddings are rather tiresome. We expected you."

"I—it was quite unavoidable." "I understand, of course. Still, I rather expected you."

"If I had known that you cared"—She interrupted him quickly: "I didn't specially. Charlie told me that he had met you and asked you to the wedding."

He leaned toward her, his eyes stern. "Did you think I would go?"

Her chin went up a little. "It was over when he told me."

It was? between set teeth. "But I dare say you'd have gone with him just the same if he had told you before."

"I suppose so," she answered wearily. "Is it not a little chilly? I had on a raglan over my wedding garment, but I left it in the hall. I shall have to be going in. It was a lovely wedding."

"Osborn will be looking for you," he said.

"She laughed softly. "No, he is in town, you know. But I must not stay out longer. Good night."

"It is good bye," he said. "I am going away. I shall not see you again—if you go in now."

She held out her hand and he took it between his own. He felt it tremble, and held it closer. "I saw you at supper this evening," he said.

"Why didn't you speak to me?" She raised grieving eyes to his face. The look maddened him.

"I was a fool. If I had spoken—wanted to see you first quite alone"—"Why?" she asked softly.

"Can't you guess?"

"I'm afraid not. I am very dull." He bit his lips. "Don't you know that I can't tell you? When one is married—is it quite impossible for a woman ever to understand?"

She laughed in her pretty, gurgling fashion, but in some swift, strange way she had changed. "Why, how came you to think that I didn't know?" She drew her hand from him slowly, and went on in a matter-of-fact way: "We used to play at love-making, you and I, when the world was young. You have been thinking that I would expect a bit of withered, lavender-scented sentiment." She laughed merrily.

"I suppose so. Kitty, this thing of forgetting is not so easy for us all," he said miserably.

"Isn't it? I'm sorry to know you had a bad time. Still, you did accomplish it." She smiled patronizingly.

"I didn't," he contradicted flatly.

"Is it really so bad as all that? Well, I must go in now."

"I think you might say that you are sorry for me," he pleaded, and she turned back.

"I didn't suppose you'd forget and—and drag the law and the gospel in between us after this fashion," he said.

"I don't understand you, but, Dick, I am sorry." There were tears in her voice, and again she held out her hand.

"I don't believe you—forgot," he whispered.

"Perhaps I shall," she said bravely, "now that I know what my remembering has meant to you." Her proud head was held high, her strong, sweet face was raised to his. She looked at him with eyes that had no shrinking in their steadfast depths.

"If I wronged myself by thinking of you before this meeting I shall be careful not to wrong another by"—

"You waited for me Kitty?" He looked at her puzzled.

"It was hardly so much as that, I think. I don't believe I expected you to come again. I have been too busy to think of love and marriage. There was little Katherine to bring up. Now that I have given her to Charlie"—

"Little Katherine?" he repeated.

"Dear old Bob gave her to me when he died eight years ago; I thought you understood. I was all she had,"

"And—and Charlie has married her?"

"Are you quite well?" she asked, gravely, "I—I think your people ought ought to know"—

"Why, Kitty, I have no people. After all, have you forgotten how utterly alone in the world I am?"

She caught her breath sharply and pressed her hands together.

"Must it always be so, Kitty? Couldn't you learn to care again?"

"And you were almost gone!" she sobbed.

A little note went into town on the morning train, and Charlie and his bride bent over it at the breakfast table.

"How lovely that the church is all decorated! What a sly old auntie ours is. We must hurry to get to the wedding. And you knew that dark man and all about what he had come for?"

"Of course, I did."

And she believed him.—*Ellen Friesell Wyckoff, in New Orleans Times-Democrat.*

Under the Table.

A small mite was with her parents at luncheon, her hands demurely under the table. Suddenly she said, "Mother, you and father can't guess what I have under the table."

Then, after the manner of parents who like to please their children, they guessed all kinds of things, but without success, so they said; "We give up; tell us." Then the mite, drawing her face up in a grimace, said, "A stomach ache."—*Lippincott's.*

Your Part and Mine.

In a little book, "The Vegetable Garden," recently issued by the publishers of Vick's, I tried to tell something of the part we have to play in successful garden culture. Nature is very generous in her gifts, but she draws the line and utterly refuses to do for us what we can, and ought to do for ourselves.

God planted a garden and gave to man the tilling of it; thus He hal-lowed and blessed manual labor. Stored with every needed thing, yet it was not sufficient for man's avarice, so the bounds were broken and the penalty was inflicted. He cursed the earth for man's sake, seemingly a paradox, yet he curse was a blessing in disguise. For the edict, "In the sweat of thy brow," etc., which rang out in the garden away back there, has resounded down through the ages and become the mainspring of every human enterprise. So then, your part and mine is to assist Nature in her efforts, and do well whatever be-longs to us to do. Feed the soil to give it strength, seed it that it may yield its treasures, and cultivate it to free it from the curse of thorns and thistles.—*John Elliott Morse.*

Vegetables for the Poultry.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Have all of you farm wives and poultry women laid in a good supply of vegetables for the poultry.

It is not too late to sow beets, carrots, etc., up to the first of July, and don't fail to set out every late cabbage you can get. You will be surprised, if you have never tried it, at the amount of such material a flock of hens can take care of during the winter.

One point in their favor is the increased health of the flock during the winter months, and another is that they are less apt to eat too much green stuff when let out on grass in the spring, not to mention the saving of grain and the addition to the egg basket.

Small potatoes I wash and bake thoroughly but all other vegetables I feed raw.

All refuse beans I have ground at the feed mill and add a little of the meal to the warm mash fed during the winter.

There are not many table scraps at our home, hardly enough to feed the dog, but I mix the mash with hot skimmed milk and give them milk to drink a part of the day and this, with the bean meal, takes the place of meat.

I feed whole grain once a day and try to have a change each day. As we raise our grain I do not find this very expensive. Last winter I had field corn, sweet corn, speltz, buck-wheat, millet, wheat, oats, and this winter shall add barley to the list.

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BASKET DINNERS.

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one cup of sugar; one tablespoonful of butter and the juice of two lemons. Stir the corn starch and the other ingredients into the boiling water and continue to stir until it thickens. Remove from the fire; have the pastry shells already baked; fill each one and make icing of the whites as for the potato custards. Spread a thick coat of icing over each pie and set in the cool oven to dry. These are delicious for basket dinners. Observe that no milk is used. If these pies are made the day before, they will not sour if water is used instead of milk.

Lady-finger cakes; salted crackers; olives, pickles and guava jelly either or all are appetizing. Pickles must be in some kind of a jar for even when drained of the vinegar by capillary attraction napkins bread or cake will be saturated as long as there is moisture in contact with them. Guava jelly is already in nice little boxes with closely fitting lids. It is also firm jelly. If jelly must be had, let it be the guava.

My own preference for basket dinners is, as tasty viands as possible that do not demand knife and fork nor spoons saucers and plates.

I boil my lemonade until the sugar is dissolved, bottle and cork it and when served from the basket, add broken bits of ice. The tumblers I pack in a basket by themselves to be carried on the arm.

Mothers Meeting.

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fine tooth comb, if absolutely needed. Rub in vaseline at roots again and clean head with tar soap. Borax water is the best rinse for hair which is greasy.

Mothers as Nurses.

A good old rule is: "Use three physicians; first, Dr. Quiet, then Dr. Merryman and Dr. Diet."

Use no strong remedies on children. When feverish try to learn the cause, alter diet to extreme plainness, soak feet, give simple physic, and send to bed if possible. The physical culture method is to fast at times allowing Dame Nature a clear field for self cure, and a little medicine is needed where diet and baths are daily facts.

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Congestive or "school headaches" are common. Eye-strain causes much of this. Bathe often with witch hazel—pure and strong—often on brow and eyes. Keep bowels open so that no "bilious" headache can exist. During a case of the Ophthalmia, so epidemic at times, I used No. 18 and No. 1 with great success.

As measles are now raging it is wise to know: They often kill. Are contagious three days before eruption appears. Have catarrhal symptoms. Appear in fourteen days after exposure. Anxious period ranges from ten to fourteen days. Infectious until scaling and cough disappear. Often as severe as scarlet fever. Relapses are dangerous.

The Heartsease Circle.

During recent months many tragic things have occurred. My mind has been saddened by the horrors inflicted upon the Jews in Russia, because those are supposedly Christians who are so heathenishly cruel. Then in the West the floods have wrought havoc and ruin we can scarcely realize. Some of our readers may have been included. Could we not aid them a little? What do you say, sisters? Let any expectant mother who may have thus suffered a loss of home

or property be reported, and surely we could send her a "Heartsease Box?" God is good to you, to me. Let us pass it on.

IN THE GARDEN.

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that all may receive their rightful share. The household duties, the care of flowers and vegetables must not be slighted; then, too, they are entrusted with a good deal of the purchasing and paying at the stores. They are only little girls now, and we shall keep them babies just as long as possible. To change a well known line "strife comes with older years and waking with day," and the hard realities will come soon enough, so we shall strive to keep them young as long as possible and still strengthen and broaden the foundation before the superstructure is reared too high. The boy and

girl crop is the best of all crops that we fathers and mothers can grow. I am continually dinging away at our readers about the vegetable garden, but incidentally I am, all the time, pleading for the heart gardens of the children, and the seed beds of the family circle. —J. E. Morse.

Where grass is stunted and apparently blasted by drouth, cut it at once. The chances are that the summer rains will make the second growth produce more hay than to wait for the first crop to thicken up at the bottom. To make the second crop respond to the rains, a top dressing of nitrate of soda is best. Use, say 100 pounds nitrate per acre, mixing it with two or three times its bulk of loam, to make enough to sow evenly.—*American Agriculturist.*

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DOROTHY'S MORNING.

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and has always had plenty of good bread and milk. His food is given him in a saucer in one certain place. He always knows where to find it, so he never thinks of looking on the table for it. That's his lesson in honesty. He gets a slap or a little switching as a punishment and he soon puts the hurt and what he has done together and now he won't do the things that bring him the hurt. He is never hurt unless he has done something wrong."

Both children looked with admiring eyes on the cat that was "educated." "Can he do any tricks?"

"Only a few tricks. Cats are hard to learn. If I can teach them to be honest and good tempered and to let the canaries and chickens alone, I call that a well-trained cat."

"O, I say, I want that cat. What's the price?" and the boy pulled a handful of money out of his pocket.

Dorothy sprang to Miss Emmie's side; all her Yankee blood was roused. "Why, you can't have my cat, Miss Emmie trained it for me."

"I don't care, she can sell it to me. I'll pay her more than you can." "It's my cat! You let it alone. You shan't have it."

"I say I will, let go!" And before gentle Miss Emmie could take it all in, she was the battleground of four furious legs—four frantic arms—and a cat.

She ran a few steps in dismay, and stopped. For behold—her precious cherry-colored cat—her highly educated black cat that had never been abused—her placid well trained black cat, that did not know "scat"—her sweet-mannered non-scratching cat was being yanked about the room; a red faced, determined small boy furiously gripping his tail; a sobbing and desperate small girl clinging recklessly to his fore legs.

"Now you drop it," shouted the tail-end.

"O'he's my cat," wailed the head, miserably afraid her end would bite. "If he bites I'll let go, I know I shall," she confessed to herself.

It was that consuming fear that prompted her to call out between the jerks. "You are a coward, you took the tail."

Instantly the tail dropped, Dorothy in her surprise let go—and the black cat twice as large as life—fled under the house, from whence he was not to be lured—no—not with the sweetest of milk and the most dulcet of Miss Emmie's endearings. The boy's hands dropped and hung clenched at his side. "If you were a boy," he cried in a passion, "if you were a boy I'd pound you for calling me a coward. You don't know who I am or you'd let me have the cat. Everybody lets me have what I want."

"That's very bad for you, my dear boy." And dear gentle Miss Emmie drew him to her, smoothing his ruffled curls and straightening his blouse.

"Now you are not angry. Tell us who you are."

The boy gave his head a proud toss. "I am the Earl of Swanwich."

This was a morning of surprise for Miss Emmie and for Dorothy. Again they gazed in wonder at their visitor. An English Earl in New Jersey!

Just then Jefferis came knocking at the open door.

Beg pardon, ma'am," he said deferentially, "it is time His Lordship was going home."

Dorothy sprang to the door. "Is he a really and truly earl?" she demanded.

"Yes, Miss, His Lordship is the Earl of Swanwich."

Dorothy sighed. "O it is as good as a fairy story, and I've been fighting with him."

"Yes, Miss, replied Jefferis, "His Lordship is a terror sometimes. His Lordship's mother, the Countess of Swanwich is stopping at Grand Court, (Concluded on page twenty-eight.)

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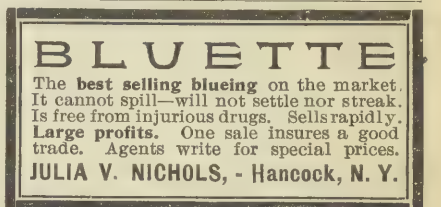
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TALK'S ABOUT FLOWERS.

(Continued from page four.)

If there is any particular flower that you want to know more about, explain the situation to me, and, if possible, I will clear up all the mysteries. Heretofore, I have largely chosen my own subjects, with the hope that they would suit; but now that we are going to help each other in earnest, you are invited to select your own topics, and I will do the talking. Choose a subject that will be of general interest, and let me know your wants from three to four months ahead of time.

It is my desire to help all flower growers to help themselves to success, and correspondence is cheerfully invited. I do not know everything about flowers; but what I know, I know. During the past year I have answered all questions of a not general nature by mail, and shall probably continue to do so until we can have a Question and Answer column. Make your queries clear and brief, and if convenient, enclose a stamp. Also tell, in case of sick plants, the treatment that has been given to each plant. I want to do all I can for the benefit of the reader's of VICK'S MAGAZINE, and if you approve of the idea you might "go and do likewise."—I mean, you might do something that will help the publishers and editors.

Seasonable Suggestions.

Are there any weeds in the lawn? Wouldn't it be a good idea to remove them? Use your three-cornered hoe or a common case knife, and be thorough. Docks would better be pulled up by the roots; if a bit of the top is left, the plants will soon be as large as before. A weedy lawn is not a thing of beauty, and a little work today may save you a great deal of labor some other time. A judicious quantity of commercial fertilizer, scattered broadcast over the lawn will probably do it good; and if no rain falls to soak it into the ground use the garden hose for that purpose.

How are the plants getting along that you set in iron urns this spring? It is likely that they do not get enough water, and they should be seen to, regularly. The hot sun beating upon the iron sides of the urn dries up the moisture very quickly; and there are so many roots in such a comparatively small space that the plants are sure to suffer, especially in protracted dry weather. Urns in cemeteries should be watered at least once each week, and, if possible, oftener. Plant food, either prepared or in form of liquid manure should, also, be given along about now, or later. Tie the top-heavy plants to neat sticks, and they will not be so apt to get broken. Remove faded blossoms and leaves.

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A SWEET POSY.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Take two moss rosebuds, half open, a spray of rosemary, and half a dozen of the flower heads of lavender, to which add a cluster or two of mignonne, three clove carnations, a small bunch of white jasmine, and a few leaves of the sweet scented verbena (*Aloysia citrodora*). If to the above you add a half opened old Provence or cabbage rose, so much the better, and the result will be a sweet posy that a duchess might like to have near her, and which, if tastefully put together, will delight the eyes as well as the nose. This sort of sweet posy was far more common in the days of our great-grandmothers, and especially among our kin across the seas, than now. You will notice in your reading about English floral matters, how careful the late R. Caldecott was to give his sweetest of early eighteenth century maids a dainty little posy to sniff at as they cross their tiny feet and sit demurely in the fine old Chipendale chairs he must have liked, or he would not have drawn them so well. Well made *pot pourri* is delicious in winter, but during summer time every room in every house which has a garden ought to be full of fresh flower fragrance, leaving the mummied odors for "the winter of our discontent."

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PRIMROSES AS WINTER BLOOMING PLANTS.

(Continued from page one.)

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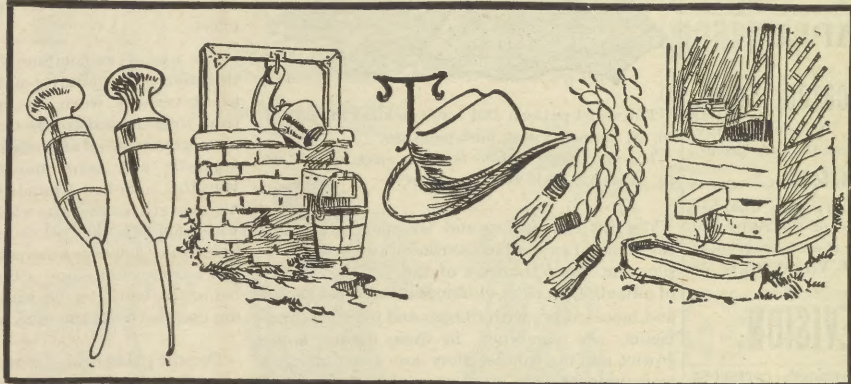
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Flowered organdies are in great demand for Summer gowns and are essentially dainty and charming. This stylish example is made with the new triple skirt and is trimmed with lace edge with ribbon tied in occasional knots, but all the season's materials suit the design and the trimming can be varied again and again. Embroidery with an edge of plain colored batiste is new and attractive, irregular lace is much in vogue and numberless other suggestions could be made.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is, for waist $3\frac{3}{4}$ yards 27 inches wide, $3\frac{1}{4}$ yards 32 inches wide or $2\frac{1}{2}$ yards 44 inches wide; for skirt 11 yards 27 inches wide, $9\frac{1}{2}$ yards 32 inches wide or $6\frac{1}{2}$ yards 44 inches wide, with $8\frac{1}{2}$ yards 21 or 5 yards 36 inches wide for foundation



The waist pattern 4351 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inch bust measure. The skirt pattern 4386 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 inch waist measure.

Tea gowns, matinees and wrappers all follow the trend of expensive daintiness and artistic design that stamp the dress of the period. Masses of soft, clinging silks, chiffon, embroidered gauzes and laces galore, with ribbons and jewelled ornaments, are combined in these dainty house gowns, and no wonder they are popular, as a woman never looks more attractive than when attired in them. The little tea and coffee jackets belong also to this class of garments, and made in the soft silks and crepes, with lace frills, are charming.

Embroidery is the most fashionable trimming of the moment, and very subdued and harmonious colors are so deftly blended that the effect is neither crude nor bizarre. Perhaps the most effective results are obtained by combining several shades of one color, such as blue, shading from a pale sky or for-get-me-not tint to a deep royal blue.

Nothing is cooler for summer waists than China silk. These are made up, unlined, with yokes of insertion of "val" lace and silk, with tucked fronts and fancy cuffs carried well down over the hand. These waists are fashionable in all colors.

REMODELING DRESSES.

(One of the prize articles in our recent contest.)

It sometimes happens that we have old cloth gowns that would make nice dresses for house wear if they were not made separately, the skirt from the waist, I mean. I find a good plan to make them into wrappers is this. I remove band from the skirt then remove the front width. Then if the goods is heavy either rip or cut away the outside of waist fronts to darts, then sew skirt to waist letting skirt come to the right place leaving front open. Then take double width goods long enough to reach clear from the shoulder to foot of skirt and sew upon front lining and into skirt, gather into full front at neck and a bias piece of same as front may extend clear around skirt and with the addition of collar, cuff etc., of the front material a very nice wrapper may be made. I once had an old black dress, I remodeled thus with red front and trimmings that I enjoy very much as I would not have worn it separate as a work dress at all.

Emma A. Smith.

Embroidered linen shirt waist patterns are to be had in exclusive design, if one's purse will permit their purchase. They have an individuality that makes them decidedly attractive. The finest of them are of medium-weight linen, and are not overloaded with embroidery as some of the cheaper patterns are. The work is, of course, exquisitely done. One such pattern has a simple design for the front, of cattails springing from a single lily leaf and a swirling line which suggests water. Four dragon flies are included in the design. The collar and cuff pieces have the lily leaf and the swirl. Another waist is made with a still simpler design of hanging sprays of wisteria.

Sleeves show a tendency to exaggerated fullness again, though this is as yet kept entirely to the lower part of the arm, the shoulder line being faithfully preserved. Though a graceful slope from neck to shoulder is one of the most beautiful points in the feminine figure, it is by no means common to-day. The square, high-shouldered woman is a type of modernity, just as what were termed "champagne-bottle" shoulder women were of the 1840 period, which shows that the eternal feminine is as variable in the outlines of shape as in her conduct. The cape, collars, and berthas (which are our inheritance from these bygone days) still further enhance the drooping effect.

The use of valenciennes lace increases, and threatens the popularity of the antique and Cluny so universally worn at present. Many of the thin lingerie waists are trimmed with valenciennes medallions and edging, and it is seen on organdie and other muslin gowns, especially youthful models. A handsome matinee blouse is made of stripes of white wash ribbon three inches wide, and two-inch valenciennes lace edging, not insertion. There is a shaped belt of the ribbon and a tunic of lace and ribbon sewn lengthwise below the belt. In the tunic two rows of lace are used between the rows of ribbon.

The silky sheen of the new mohairs have increased their vogue with well-dressed women. Mohair is an ideal material for traveling, driving or automobiling, as it sheds dust and does not crumple. A gown of silver-gray mohair worn on a coach was made with a full box plait in the back, and was trimmed with open-work black silk braid which showed the white silk lining of the gown. The jacket has a wide black silk girdle commencing at the under-arm seam and fastening in front with a large gold buckle. The long ends of the girdle were finished with a black silk fringe.

A shirt waist suit of green etamine has a skirt with graduated box plaits, and these are fastened together by hand for nine inches below the belt line. The blouse is also box plaited, and has a yoke of half-inch strips of the cloth held together with fagoting. The sleeves are plaited from the shoulder, but the fagoting binds them tightly almost to the elbow where they flare widely as far as the wide cuff.

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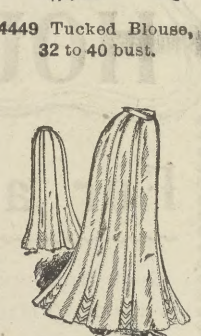
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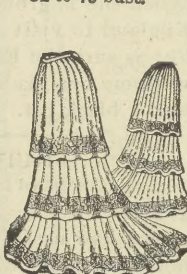
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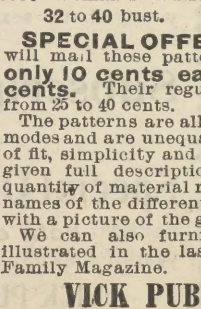
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DOROTHY'S MORNING.

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at Lake-in-the-Pines. We had a long run this morning and I must get him back or Her Ladyship will be worried."

Dorothy walked slowly back to where Miss Emmie was finding out that small Earls were just as fond of doughnuts as small Americans are.

Dorothy shook her head at the doughnuts. She felt as if her mouth was full of big words. Lordships and Ladyships! She couldn't use them. So she blurted out, "If you are an English Earl you can have the cat." But the cat had his own mind on that matter—he'd had all the English Earl he wanted—he stayed in his hole.

"There now," said Miss Emmie. "We cannot get the cat. So you must kiss and part friends."

"Well, it was a beastly shame I made him scratch you. You are a jolly pretty girl, and I haven't any one to play with me at Grand Court." And the little Earl turned quickly and kissed Dorothy on the mouth. For a minute they stood looking at each other. Dorothy pink as a rose. His little Lordship flaming red. While Miss Emmie purred over the return of peace. International quarrels were not to her liking.

The great red motor car was off like a flash—the little Earl blythely waving his cap. Dorothy ate six doughnuts, and drove Calico slowly home. When she is grown up she is going to England to visit at Castle Swanwich. She is sure the Earl of Swanwich will welcome her gladly, for she will take him a black cat.

FRUIT NOTES.

(Continued from page twelve.)

gardens. The children should be shown how useful they are, and taught not to be afraid of them if not to admire them. "Handsome is that handsome does" applies well to our friend, the toad.

Answers to Correspondents.

A correspondent in Philadelphia asks what kind of soil lying along the Delaware river twenty-three miles below that city is suitable for the different kinds of fruit, such as apples, peaches, pears, cherries grapes, etc.

Reply:—Almost any soil that is rich enough to produce good crops of corn, wheat, potatoes or other farm crops in that vicinity will be very suitable for the fruits named. It is a good region for their growth, as those now planted there attest, although they would do better in richer soil and under more careful treatment. It is, however, true that apples, pears, and quinces usually do best in rather stiff soil, while the peach and plum prefer that which is somewhat sandy.

How to Wash Blankets.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

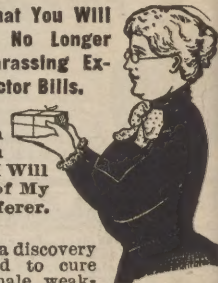
First, select a bright, sunshiny day. Then have plenty of hot water.

Shake the blankets out, and endwise plunge them into a large tub of water as hot as the hand will bear. To prepare the water before plunging in the blankets, dissolve one half pound of gold dust washing powder in the water, making a strong suds. Wash the blankets through this tub of suds; then have another tub of warm water without soap. There will be enough gold dust suds from the first tub to suffice. Wash through a third tub of warm water, and hang the blankets out, without wringing. Stretch them from end to end on a taut line, and secure with clothespins, by the selvage. The sun and air will dry them as the water drips. After several hours, reverse them on the line, by fastening the lower edge up with the clothes-pins, so the upper and perfectly dry side will be down. Fold them up for the night, and stretch them again on the line for another day. It requires the better part of two days to dry blankets thoroughly. *G. T. D.*

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